Families of suspended students consider legal action against SIUC

Brandon Weisenberger
Daily Egyptian

Family members of nine freshmen whose enrollment status is in limbo after an Oct. 6 attack are vowing to take legal action against Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, according to SIUC documents.

The alleged plagiarism was brought up by the untenured, Chris Dussold, a former SIU-Edwardsville professor who was fired in 2004 for plagiarizing his teaching statement.

The committee formed to review plagiarism allegations by 2019 Vision 2020, the university’s long-range plan Southern at 150 has accused SIUC of the top 75 public research institutions by 2019 Vision 2020 aims to make Texas A&M University a top-10 public university by 2020. It is really up to his discretion,” Lawrence said. "It took several weeks, but it had to take several weeks so we could touch on all the pieces we thought we needed to touch on."

Earlier this semester, a group called Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU proposed that SIU select because they receive the largest portions of state appropriations, said Becky Carroll, spokeswoman with the governor’s Office of Management and Budget.

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Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole christened Amtrak’s new “Saluki” train with a bottle of Wiener Dog white wine from Alto Vineyards before the train’s inaugural run Tuesday.

The morning event marked the second send-off for the Saluki, which is one of three new trains that will begin regular operation Oct. 30. Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich made a visit to Carbondale in September to proclaim the importance of the new route for the city.

“This is a railroad city — it started with the railroad,” Blagojevich said at the September event.

On Tuesday, Mary Mechler, president of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, said the new route would be vital to the business community. She said the train is one of the main thoroughfares for local business people and will provide more opportunities for face-to-face meetings because of more convenient scheduling.

She also said the new route would boost tourism and be an investment in the future of Carbondale.

“It’s pretty clear how important the railroad has been to Carbondale,” Mechler said.

Democratic U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello also came out for the train’s send-off. He said the train would be an improvement for the people of southern Illinois.

He said the people of southern Illinois have themselves to thank for the new train because the train is subsidized by money from taxpayers. He said Amtrak, Blagojevich and state legislators took the necessary steps to increase state funding for Amtrak from about $12 million in 2005 to more than $24 million this year. He also cited cooperation between the federal government, which limited the cut in Amtrak’s funding, and the state government for prompting the endeavor.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the extra train is a necessity for the city and the university.

“This new expansion on the part of Amtrak will serve the city well here, which has been a good friend to the university,” he said.

Poshard also said all three trains, including the two new trains that will run between St. Louis and Chicago and one train that will run from Quincy to Chicago, would serve the whole university community.

Other kick-off events will be held in St. Louis on Wednesday and in Quincy on Thursday.

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Bush signs bill authorizing the military trials of suspected terrorists

Stephen Ohlemacher
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Maybe there will be a bigger party when the population hits 400 million. But save the date: 2043.

America’s official population passed the 300 million mark Tuesday, fuelled by a growing number of immigrants and their children.

The milestone, recorded at 7:46 a.m. EDT, past with little fanfare, perhaps dampened by a divisive debate in Congress about the fact that many experts think the population had already hit the 300 million mark months ago.

There were no fireworks or government-sponsored celebrations. Just a written statement from President Bush near the end of the work day, welcoming the milestone as “further proof that the American Dream remains as bright and hopeful as ever.”

“It’s a couple of weeks before an election when illegal immigration is a high-profile issue, and they don’t want to make a big deal out of it,” said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

It’s been 39 years since the U.S. population reached 200 million. Since then, its growth of 55 percent of the growth has come from immigrants, their children and their grandchildren, according to a recent report by the Pew Hispanic Center, a nonpartisan research organization.

In other words, if the United States had cut off all immigration since 1967, the population would be about 245 million — and a lot less diverse, said Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at the center.

The legislation, which sets the rules for military trials, was selected by the White House in response to demands from Afghanistan and other Muslim-majority countries.

The legislation also eliminates some of the tightest restrictions are usually guaranteed under U.S. law, and it authorizes harsh interrogations of terror suspects.

Impressed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and visiting troops, President Bush approved the new law “in memory of the victims of September 11th.”

“The occasion when a president can sign a bill he knows will save American lives,” Bush said. “I have that privilege this morning.”

Civil libertarians and leading Democrats denounced the law as a violation of American values. The American Civil Liberties Union said the new law “resurges illiberal protections enshrined in American democracy.” Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin said, “We will look back on this day as a stain on our nation’s history.”

It allows the government to seize individuals on American soil and detain them indefinitely with no right to a full trial and detention center at Guantanamo Bay.

The swift implementation of the law is a rare bit of good news for the Bush administration, which had been pummeled daily in the media.

Lawmakers are increasingly calling for a change of strategy, and political analysts are speculating Republican chances of hanging onto control of Congress.

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**City continues cable contract discussion**

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**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

As the deadline for signing a new franchise agreement between the city and Mediacom approached, members of a city council committee said more time may need to be ironed out all the details.

The agreement would allow Mediacom to add another Public, Education and Government channel to Mediacom’s lineup at some point over the life of the new contract. The current agreement between Mediacom expires Oct. 31, and the new contract, if approved, would take effect Nov. 1.

Currently, the city has a PEG channel solely devoted to information regarding the city of Carbondale, such as city meetings, job openings and events.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said as part of the current agreement, Mediacom would provide the city with an upfront capital contribution payment in the amount of $15,000, which would fund equipment upgrades necessary for the evolution of the new channel, if it were added.

“The $15,000 would ultimately be acquired through Mediacom customers via an assessment of each subscriber’s monthly bill with an addition of no more than $0.21 for the first year of the agreement,” Doherty said.

The commission’s speaker for the evening, Liz Choate, said this was to cleanse the men of their shame.

Toscano’s speech was selected as the keynote for GLBT History Month because coordinators considered this program through five different viewpoints, from program participants to their parents to the pastor who spoke at church every Sunday. Toscano differentiated between characters through voices.

Toscano’s main character is Chad, a tour guide who meets every stereotype of a homosexual man but believes he has “bounced up” through the program. He meets several other participants and encourages them to tell their stories. By turning around, or walking around a small table, Toscano is instantly another character. Chad’s story about missing his brother invoked sob from several audience members.

In the program, participants spend time with older male heterosexual counselors who were meant to act as role models for the homosexual men and boys. The program had strict rules for the participants.

Members of the residence were often subjected to Family and Friends Weekend, in which participants were forced to tell their most shameful story in front of friends and family members and then receive feedback from their loved ones. Chapones was told he should change the lifestyle of a homosexual man but he decided being gay was not something he could or should change.

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**Man recounts experience in program to convert gays**

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You can’t make fish fly, but you can chuck them across the room to convert gays from their loved ones. Chaperones forced to tell their most shameful stories of things today.”

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For a while I was practicing, but I got really good at it, and I don’t have to practice anymore,” Toscano recalled telling the person.

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**Save $0.21 for the first year of the agreement.” To continue the channel and obtain necessities after the initial setup period of the first year, a maximum of $0.21 would be added to subscribers’ monthly bills for four years, allowing a $60,000 contribution, as listed in the agreement.

Randy Hollis, regional government relations manager for Mediacom, said the $0.21 assessment fee is based on the contributions of roughly 6,000 subscribers.

Manjunath Pendakur, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, is a member of the Information and Telecommunications commission. He told council members that more time is required to properly assess and perfect the agreement with Mediacom because the commission only recently saw the cost estimates.

He said his statements were his personal views and not representative of the commission.

Commission Vice-Chair Jak Tichenor agreed with Pendakur and also brought attention to the amount of money the agreement requires for the addition of a PEG channel. He said overall the agreement has progressed and made substantial changes in terms of previously discussed problem areas.

“As I stated the last meeting, I thought $100,000 would be at the fairly low end of things to get you started,” Tichenor said. “$60,000 — you’re just doing the bare bones of things today.”

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State government on track with Amtrak

Finally, students and travelers can rest assured they will have a ride home, and multiple options are now available.

Over the years, Amtrak’s existence has been up in the air. Now, three routes are available to travelers in Carbondale. With the addition of the Saluki route, the government has made a positive change to a system once riddled with problems. Illinois has doubled the amount of money that is put in transportation, giving a total of $24 million, making it the largest Midwest expansion in 20 years. The extra funding allows for more stops in other areas of Illinois, including Bloomington-Normal and Quincy. The state is also talking about creating new stops in cities such as Peoria.

Obviously, the state has listened to the responses from travelers and students who depend on Amtrak. Students, especially those from the Chicago area, depend on the train to get them to and from school during breaks.

What would the students who do not have cars on campus do to get home? It is nice to see the state has its priorities straight on this issue. With the influx of gas prices, Amtrak has become the most affordable option for students and travelers as well. Amtrak has also provided a new departure and arrival time. In addition to the regular 4:05 p.m. and 3 a.m. departures, the Saluki route will leave the station at 7:30 a.m.

Many say trains are not a popular means of transportation. But a record number of 1 million passengers in the state traveled on Amtrak last year alone, according to a story from the Associated Press. However, if Amtrak wants to keep up the numbers and see some success come from the additional train, some improvements might need to be made. Many travelers don’t use the train because sometimes it can be drastically late. Amtrak must also share the railroads with freight trains, which can set an arrival or departure back substantially. If Amtrak could design a schedule that better predicts when trains would arrive and depart, maybe more people would be inclined to use the service.

Past time to raise the minimum wage

A comedian once cracked that if you laid all the world’s economists end to end … they still might not reach a conclusion. So when 650 of the nation’s leading economists, including five Nobel laureates, rally around a cause, it’s time to pay attention.

That’s exactly what happened last week when some of the nation’s most prominent scholars said it’s time for Congress to raise the federal minimum wage.

If lawmakers don’t follow that advice in the session scheduled for late November, they are shirking their duty to America’s working families. The federal minimum wage hasn’t gone up since 1997 and is now at its lowest level, when adjusted for inflation, in 50 years. If you had polled economists on the minimum wage a generation ago you would have found many skeptics. Most would have said it’s better for the market to set wages, or that a higher minimum wage could cripple job creation.

Since then, however, two things have happened. Wages for the bottom tier of American workers have plummeted steadily, and a sophisticated new batch of empirical studies has found that modest increases in the minimum wage have extremely small, even negligible effects on job creation.

“If you had asked me 20 years ago, I would have said find some other way to help low-income workers,” says Robert Solow, a pioneer of growth theory and a Nobel laureate at MIT. “But today, the only way to characterize the research literature is to say that this could do much good at very little cost.”

The backdrop to the economists’ statement is that today’s economy simply isn’t delivering for huge numbers of workers. ‘Traditionally, productivity and corporate profits are rising smartly, while inflation-adjusted wages are stagnating or falling, especially for the low skilled. Inequality is approaching its highest level in decades, with the result that millions of families are priced out of decent housing, higher education and a sense of participating in the nation’s progress. Congress doesn’t have a lot of remedies for the rise in inequality, but the minimum wage is a good one.”
Saluki on the street

Starting Oct. 30, Antrak is providing a third daily trip between Chicago and Carbondale at a more convenient time. We’re excited!

Will you use the new Saluki route?

Sophomore from Du Quoin studying psychology:
"No, I probably won’t. I live half an hour away."

Junior from Bloomington studying management information systems:
"I wouldn’t use it because I have class."

Junior from Chicago studying administration of justice:
"I don’t like using the train because it takes too long."

Sophomore from Spring Valley studying nursing:
"Probably not, because I’ve never taken the train. If it was closer to home, it would be worth it."

Saluki St.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to ‘Bush: disciple of direct action?’

Dear Editor:
The brief editorial that was published in the Oct. 27 edition is flawed. I believe that the American public would acknowledge there was no peace between the races in Montgomery and that tension was the reason why King marched. The former employs as its means of justifying their rhetoric, the war in Iraq has done for many Islamic radicals is to justify their rhetoric. Whether we went into Iraq to free a people, for WMD or simply because there is oil there is irrelevant. It comes time for the Islamic Fundamentalist Propaganda machine to do its work.

Iraq has given such an array of polarizing recruitment images, in the form of Abu Ghraib, Mahmoudiya and other misdeeds, that the radical Islamic sentiment has skyrocketed! Martin Luther King Jr. was joined by numerous students and faculty members in calling for nonviolence. The response from the people once said everything would be fine if the Civil Rights Movement were both met with violence and counter-violence, cannot achieve. They have killed thousands with their suicide attacks, but they are further away from their goal now, and if they had never lived a day. By using violence to respond to their violence, we have fallen into their trap.

We’re curious:

Jesse Vargas
Graduate student from California studying psychology

Can’t compare President Bush to Martin Luther King Jr.

Dear Editor:
Quite frankly, the recent letter comparing George W. Bush with Martin Luther King Jr. left me gaping with astonishment. The only thing that was somewhat new in the letter is that many people did accuse Dr. King of making the situation worse. King wrote that a white man once told him that there was peace between the races in Montgomery before he came. Yet King realized that this ‘peace’ was just an illusion, and that tension was building underneath the surface. He took action so that the general public would acknowledge there was a problem. Only then could people from both sides enter discussions that would solve it.

I don’t see any relationship between that and Mr. Bush’s ‘war on terror’. First of all, there isn’t anyone claiming terrorism isn’t a problem or even that it is a good thing, as people did with segregation. Nor does anyone claim that if the Iraq war ended, the jihadis would somehow magically disappear, as people once said everything would be fine if the Civil Rights Movement didn’t exist.

However, the greatest difference between the two is that King was fundamentally committed to nonviolence. He did not use nonviolence because he ‘lived in a nation that valued rationality’. Indeed, the segregationists used all manners of violence in their attempt to suppress the movement, while on the other side black militants attacked King, claiming that only through violence could their people win justice.

Nonviolence works regardless of whether one’s opponents are interested in negotiations or not. That is what gives it power — a power that violence, which only leads to recurring cycles of violence and counter-violence, cannot achieve. Nothing illustrates that better than the jihadis themselves. They have killed thousands with their suicide attacks, but they are further away from their goal now than if they had never lived a day. By using violence to respond to their violence, we have fallen into their trap.

I doubt King would be surprised at the results.

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Wellness coordinator gives talk about negative ripple effects from alcohol

Alexis Boudreau

Lawson Hall resonated with laughter Tuesday when Ken Culton asked how many people drank before attending his discussion on alcohol.

The room fell silent shortly after as he explained that 1,700 college students would die this year in alcohol-related events.

Culton, an SIUC Wellness Center coordinator and clinical counselor, spoke to a group of more than 100 SIUC fraternity and sorority members as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which started Monday and ends Friday. Sigma Alpha sorority sponsored the speech.

Culton spoke of alcohol’s effects on students and their education, their social life and their future. He explained that alcohol issues do not just pertain to alcoholics. Social drinkers should be concerned, too.

“Alcohol can take your life to a bad place, even if you’re not an alcoholic,” Culton said.

He shared a story of an SIUC student who tripped over a cement parking block while walking home and ended up with a compound fracture in her wrist and a broken jaw. Culton said the student was in intensive care for three weeks, all because she had a few shots at a local bar.

Culton said a student’s grades could also suffer greatly because of alcohol.

More than 170,000 college students drop out of school each year because of alcohol, although some attribute dropping out to other issues such as a large workload or loneliness, Culton said.

He said it is all a part of a “ripple effect,” such as Sunday night drinking leading to missing class Monday and then not doing well on an exam later in the week.

Culton also spoke of short-term and long-term effects of alcohol as well as alcohol poisoning that occur among university students. He said students should not hesitate to evaluate the use of alcohol among themselves or their friends because an evaluation now may save their life later.

Culton said he was glad to have the opportunity to speak to the greek students alone.

“I’m not saying that greek students have a greater problem than the general student population, but I believe they recognize the potential role of Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in Carbondale,” Culton said.

Suzanna Gapa, a senior from Oswego studying foods and nutrition and a member of Sigma Alpha, said Culton’s student-focused approach was effective.

“I like how he used examples to relate to us,” Gapa said.

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SUSPENSIONS

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University officials have accused the nine students of several Student Conduct Code violations after the beating of a sophomore near the Recreation Center during Homecoming weekend. All the students deny participating in the attack, but some have said they witnessed the attack or were near the area at the time of the incident.

Reese is the only student facing both criminal and university charges, while the other eight face multiple charges of student conduct violations. Among the charges, university officials said the students should have physically intervened or alerted authorities.

Reese Sr. said the Student Conduct Code is “arbitrary and capricious” and said none of the students received due process after being linked to the attack unsubstantially.

“They jumped the gun,” Reese said about the administration. “Once we go through the appeals, there will be a suit.”

On Tuesday, Chancellor Walter Wendler stood by action taken by SIUC officials, including the “interim separation” that barred students from their residence halls and the campus because they were considered a threat to others.

“I do believe that police procedures and our student code of conduct were carefully followed through the whole process, that’s what I believe,” Wendler said.

On Tuesday, Student Judicial Affairs suspended Vincent Mack and Reshaun Scott for two years. Brandon Gaines and DeShaun McGee received one-year suspensions Monday. University officials on Friday suspended Derrick Reese for three years and Aric Anthony for two years.

Charles Gill, Christian Jennings and Timothy Hart have yet to undergo their formal hearings, in which they could be cleared of violations or be booted from the university. The final hearing is set for Thursday. All but Gill remain barred from campus.

On the six students’ written suspensions, a line stating “separation status remains permanently” is listed under the conditions of the decision. The students and their family members have speculated that means the students could never reapply to SIUC. SIU General Counsel Jerry Blakenore advised them that was not the case but that the language should be changed.

SIU system officials, including Blakenore, have declined to comment on the matter, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Wayne Utterback contributed to this report.

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The Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU have searched for plagiarism among administrators for Dussold's wrongful termination suit, which claims university officials exempt themselves from plagiarism charges.

In January, Wendler apologized to an author for using a book excerpt without attribution in the 2005 State of the University address.

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift apologized in July for copying material from the White House, United Food and Commercial Workers Union and the King Center of Atlanta during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day speech.

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Two years ago, Denmark declared war on artery-clogging oils, making it illegal for any food to have more than 2 percent trans fats. Offenders now face hefty fines — or even prison terms.

The result? Today, hardly anyone notices the difference. The french fries are still crispy. The pastries are still scrumptious. And the fried chicken is still tasty.

Denmark's experience offers a hopeful example for places like Canada and New York City, which are considering modern battling the dangerous artery-clogging fats.

Trans fats are typically added as partially hydrogenated oils to processed foods such as cookies, margarine and fast food. They are cheaper to produce than healthier oils — such as canola, corn or olive oil — and give foods a longer shelf life. Producers also argue that removing them from processed foods will change tastes and textures beloved by consumers.

However, trans fats also have been called the tobacco of the nutrition world. They lower good cholesterol while raising bad cholesterol.

Even eating a daily amount that is less than 5 grams of trans fat — the amount found in one piece of fried chicken and a side of french fries — has been linked with a 25 percent increased risk of heart disease.

No other fat at these low levels of intake has such harmful effects," said Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian, a cardiologist at Harvard's School of Public Health.

It is still too early to tell if removing trans fats from food in Denmark has improved the country's health. The Danish health ministry reports that cardiovascular disease has fallen by 20 percent over the past five years. However, other countries have reported similar drops in heart disease where smoking has been halved. Industry has helped improve some foods.

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**Salukis have strength in numbers**

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SIU women’s cross country daddy off days, and illnesses

**HILL**

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"Call it an excuse or whatever, but we just didn't have our day," Poore said. "The plays that we had been making, we just didn't make — whether it be a ball placement or a drop or a bad route or a decision — they all just kind of fell together in a sequence where it just didn't go well for us." Kell and Poore spent much of Tuesday's practice working with quarterback Mark Schilling, but rather a testament to Hill will have to deal with the outcome of the ISU game. The game marked the first since SIU's season-opening win over Lock Haven that Hill did not pass for 100 yards or more than five years. Whether comparisons between Hill and the two are fair or not, it's some- thing Hill will have to deal with as anybody going out there — especially on Saturdays — if I've got to throw for 300 yards or if I've got to throw for 100 yards, it doesn't matter to me," Hill said.

Once again, a new face led the Salukis. Kill even pointed out similarities to me," Hill said. "I'm confident, I feel as confident as anybody going out there — especially on Saturdays — if I've got to throw for 300 yards or if I've got to throw for 100 yards, it doesn't matter to me," Hill said.

"It's pretty common for someone to have a lot of girls that can run consistently well, but there's no way off the individual. It was nice to see where we need to have going into the conference race; we need somebody else to step up and lead the way, and that's what's hap- pened every weekend," head coach Matt Sparks said. "Somebody else, somebody new has pushed us from the front." This year, senior Katie Binn has been the only constant in the Salukis' top five. Freshman A'Seet Dukobio led SIU in the first meet. At Football Bradley Classic, she was the seventh Saluki to cross the finish line. Touchdown Club package pur- chase above the cost of a ticket package. The Loyola Lakefront Invitational on Sept. 30 was a different story. Wilson ran with an illness, which caused her to be the final Saluki to finish and led to her placing 102nd overall.

"The team still earned a second place finish, powered by the rebound performances of junior Brittany Christenson and senior Sarah Risken, who didn't finish in SIU's top five a week before. Sparks said this kind of depth and versatility could lead to big things later in the year. "It's a big factor going for a championship season," Sparks said. "It's pretty common for someone to have an off day, and if you're only
Men's tennis heads to ITA regionals

Matt Hartwig  DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's tennis team looks to pull off some upsets at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mid-American Regional at Tulsa, Okla., starting Friday.

Head coach Dan Nelson said the tournament is the largest and toughest first-round matchup, but Nelson said the Salukis are expecting a strong performance out of senior Rodrigo Lama to pull off an upset.

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FOOTBALL

Coach Kill Cancer Fund sells out ticket package

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The Coach Kill Cancer Fund will take an important step toward raising cancer awareness with a touchdown walk at halftime of Saturday’s football game at McAndrew Stadium.

The touchdown walk is a part of a campaign, headlined by SIU head coach Jerry Kill and his wife Rebecca — along with Southern Illinois Healthcare, to provide local families with financial support as they deal with the non-cancer costs associated with cancer treatments. Kill, 45, had a tumor and part of a kidney removed in a January surgery.

He started the fund when he realized, through conversations with other cancer patients, costs to families of cancer sufferers did not stop at the hospital doors. Kill has listed transportation, child care and lodging expenses as overlooked financial burdens associated with battling the disease. He said he was blessed with a great support system, but others were not so lucky.

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“I don’t want it,” she said. “I want to go down swinging.”

Jerry Kill, SIU’s head coach, took responsibility for Hill’s interception right before the end of the first half, and he went on to explain that he was happy with Hill’s progress and said he would improve as the season continued.

“I think he’s 5-1 and learning at a fast curve,” Kill said.

Through 10 games, it appears Hill has picked up on his lessons for SIU — 5-1, 2-1 Gateway) despite a game that had some fans scratching their heads. Ball that found receivers early in the season missed their targets, but Poore said Hill was not a solo act in the loss.

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