



# Heartbeat

The beat of Students for Life at SLU

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## Upcoming Events

### *SFL Elections*

March 4th, 8pm/BSC 351

### *Knights of Columbus*

#### *Fish Fry*

Every Friday during Lent,  
to benefit the Scholarship  
10:45am to 6pm, Quad

### *Our Lady's Inn*

#### *Baby Shower*

March 29, 2008

### *Run for Their Lives*

#### *5K Run/Walk*

April 12, 2008; 9am, SLU

Register online at

<http://pages.slu.edu/org/sfl>

### *Special Olympics*

April 19, 2008

### *Relay for Life*

April 19 - 20, 2008

6pm to 6am

Hermann Stadium, SLU

Register at [slurelay.org](http://slurelay.org).

### *Spring Fever*

#### *Funnel Cake Stand*

April 26, 2008



## New Scholarship Sponsored by Students for Life

By Amy Winkler

Currently, Students for Life is working on establishing a scholarship to further fulfill its mission to protect human life by providing support for women and men at Saint Louis University who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant or in parenting situations. This scholarship is called The Pregnant and Parenting Student Assistance Scholarship provided by the Students for Life of Saint Louis University. We hope that full-time and part-time SLU students will utilize this scholarship to help cover their tuition, room and board, books, prenatal care, or child care; thus allowing them to stay in school. These students will also be provided with a community of support through Students for Life and the Pregnancy Resource Center near campus.



A Scholarship Committee consisting of SFL members was recently appointed to create a Scholarship Agreement and to fundraise for a \$25,000 endowment, which will allow approximately \$1000 in assistance to be given every year. The members of the Scholarship Committee are Brian Reilly (chairman), Caitlin Boyce, Mary Cooper, Chris McGeehan, Kathleen Neuner, Steve Fowler (advisor), and I, Amy Winkler. We are very excited about working together on this committee, and we hope to see this scholarship become a reality soon.

We have developed several donation levels: \$10,000 for naming rights, \$1000 for your name to be added to the Founder's List, \$500, \$250, and "The 9 Month Plan" of \$11 a month (to parallel the 9 months of pregnancy). Any donation will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to invest in our effort to assist pregnant and parenting students, please make your check out to Students for Life, note "scholarship" on it, and send to:



Students for Life  
Busch Student Center, MSC 11  
20 N. Grand Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63103-2005

If you have any questions, please e-mail us  
at [sflscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sflscholarship@gmail.com).  
Thank you and God bless!

# Pamphlet is a Much Needed Resource at SLU

*By Kevin Grillot*

In the spring of 2007, Students for Life at Saint Louis University passed out a pamphlet that was entitled, "It's Positive. Now What?" This pamphlet was aimed at students experiencing or otherwise affected by pregnancy and contained information about the nearby Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) owned and operated by Thrive. In only a few short months all of the pamphlets had been distributed about the campus.

At the time, we did not realize the need for or the possible impact of the pamphlet. Originally initiated by former Vice President of SFL, Colleen Marriott, the information provided by the pamphlet proved to be very useful. In the fall following its distribution, a PRC counselor visited SLU during Respect Life Week. She stated that in one year's time **40 Saint Louis University students**, upon their visit, stated that they knew of PRC because of Students for Life. Because "It's Positive. Now What?" was the only information our group had distributed outlining the resources at PRC, we knew that this pamphlet was a needed resource for pregnant students. Therefore, we took steps to see how we could improve the pamphlet in order to supply it on a broader scale. Through working with Student Health and Counseling, PRC, Housing and Residence Life, and Campus Ministry, we were able to edit and revise the pamphlet into a solid piece of literature.

The final product is going to be printed with the collaborators' logos on the back to show their support of this much needed resource. I am pleased that Students for Life is furthering its mission to educate students, especially those most susceptible to abortion, in a proactive manner. The revised pamphlets will begin to be distributed in March 2008.



## Students for Life Meetings

Every Tuesday, 8:00pm,  
Busch Student Center,  
room 351

"When a man steals to satisfy hunger, we may safely conclude that there is something wrong in society - so when a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is an evidence that either by education or circumstances she has been greatly wronged."

*-Mattie Brinkerhoff*

## Students for Life Support the Ban on Human Cloning

*By Matt Von Rueden*

I found myself standing outside in the pouring rain on Super Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, supporting yet another Students for Life effort to impact the community. A few volunteers and I went to the polls to distribute literature about a proposed amendment banning human cloning, which may soon be voted on in the state of Missouri. The amendment would prohibit research that utilizes human cloning, such as embryonic stem cell research, but would allow for other stem cell research as long as the scientists do not clone human



**FACT:**

Nearly half of all pregnancies to American women are unintended; four in 10 of these end in abortion.

~Guttmacher Institute

"A free and virtuous society, which America aspires to be, must reject practices that devalue and violate human life at any stage from conception until natural death. In defending the right to life, in law and through a vibrant culture of life, America can show the world the path to a truly humane future, in which man remains the master, not the product, of his technology."

~Pope John Paul II



embryos. The proposed amendment also says that taxpayer dollars shall not be used for the cloning of human embryos or for research on any part of a human embryo created from cloning.

Despite the gusty winds, torrential rains, and chilly temperatures on Super Tuesday, SFL members had a great experience handing out little pieces of literature to voters coming into and out of the polls. Many people accepted the literature, and our efforts seemed to be successful. We must continue to work for the passage of this amendment and pray that the laws of Missouri will defend the dignity of all human life, no matter how small.

For more information on the proposed amendment and the effort to provide cures without cloning, go to [www.mocureswithoutcloning.com](http://www.mocureswithoutcloning.com).

## Proof that words *really do* matter: Missouri judge rules against biased language in anti-cloning ballot proposal

By Teresa Val

Missouri judge Patricia Joyce ruled in favor on Feb. 20 of a challenge put forth by Cures Without Cloning (CWC), a pro-life group, against Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan's summary wording concerning an anti-cloning ballot initiative.

In late August, CWC initially contested that Secretary Carnahan's language was both unfair and biased against the anti-cloning proposal, according to *LifeSiteNews.com*. The original ballot title and summary reportedly contained vague terms, negatively portraying the amendment. In the Secretary's summary, Missouri patients' access to stem cell research, therapies and cures would be limited by "redefining the ban on human cloning or attempted cloning to criminalize and impose civil penalties," and by "prohibiting hospitals or other institutions from using public funds to conduct such research."

Judge Joyce concluded that Secretary Carnahan's ballot title was "insufficient and unfair," but she provided no detailed explanation as to why the wording was considered deficient. As stated in the CWC final judgment, Joyce instructed the court to rework the amendment title in a sufficient and fair way, rather than sending it back to the Secretary ([www.mocureswithoutcloning.com](http://www.mocureswithoutcloning.com)).

Secretary Carnahan's office later claimed in a report that "the summary we prepared for this measure is fair and accurately reflects the underlying measure," according to *Missourinet.com*.

"This ruling proves what we've said along: that our clear, concise initiative would prohibit human cloning and the taxpayer funding of human cloning in Missouri," chairwoman of CWC Lori Buffa, M.D. said as quoted by [www.mocureswithoutcloning.com](http://www.mocureswithoutcloning.com). "We are pleased that the courts have upheld our challenge to Secretary of State Carnahan's blatant attempt to mislead the Missouri voters with her inaccurate ballot summary."

For complete details on the ruling, a copy of the court's judgment is available at [www.mocureswithoutcloning.com/CWCFinalJudgment.pdf](http://www.mocureswithoutcloning.com/CWCFinalJudgment.pdf).



[www.mocureswithoutcloning.com](http://www.mocureswithoutcloning.com)

# Anyone for a Fish Fry??

By Matt Von Rueden

## Think about it...

The abortion rate among women living below the federal poverty level is more than four times that of women above 300% of the poverty level.

-Gutmacher Institute

Like What You See?  
Support SFL at SLU!  
Send check donations to:

Students for Life  
MSC 11  
Busch Student Center,  
20 N. Grand Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63103-2005

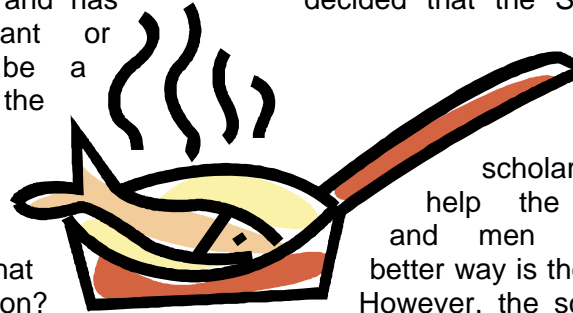
Thank You  
for supporting life!

"A Voice for the Voiceless"



Have you recently noticed the wonderful aroma of freshly fried fish and chips wafting across the quad on a Friday afternoon? Well, whether you have or not, I hope you stop by the Quad on each of the remaining Fridays of Lent to support the Knights of Columbus' annual fish fry. Not only is it a wonderful lunch or dinner, but the proceeds go to a charitable cause of the Knights' choice.

What does this have to do with Students for Life? Well, the Grand Knight of the SLU Knights of Columbus, Tim Wright, is also a member of Students for Life, and has decided that the SFL scholarship fund for pregnant or parenting students would be a prime beneficiary for the proceeds of this year's fish fry.



This fantastic way to help parenting women and men of our own community. What better way is there to complete the Jesuit mission? However, the scholarship fund is in desperate need of fundraising in order to be lifted off the ground. The Knights' fish fry is one of the greatest endeavors so far to have stepped up to meet this challenge.

So, in short, come out to support the fish fry each Friday of Lent because we all need to buy food anyway, and by supporting the fish fry, you will also be supporting future scholarship recipients right here at St. Louis University.

Fish fry serving hours are 10:45am to 2:15pm, and 4:30pm to 6:00pm, outside in the Quad.

### Our Mission:

*Unwavering in its defense of the unborn, Students for Life at Saint Louis University is dedicated to protecting each and every human life from the moment of conception. With the distinct understanding that college-aged women are one of the most susceptible age demographics to abortion, we seek to educate, to engage, and to inform college men and women on the destructive nature of abortion.*

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of *Heartbeat*. If you have any comments or suggestions, or if there is anything you would like to see in future issues, please do not hesitate to contact us at [sfl@slu.edu](mailto:sfl@slu.edu).



Visit Our Website at <http://pages.slu.edu/org/sfl>

### Pregnant? Need Help?

The local Pregnancy Resource Center is within walking distance of SLU, at 4331 Lindell Blvd. Call them at 314-783-3040, or visit their website, [www.prcmo.net](http://www.prcmo.net).

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