



Heartbeat

The beat of Students for Life at SLU

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Upcoming Events

Run for Their Lives
5K Run/Walk

April 12, 2008

Check-in 8am, Run 9am

Saint Louis University

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.

Spring Fever

Funnel Cake Stand

April 26, 2008

Students for Life
Meetings

Every Tuesday, 8:00pm,

Busch Student Center,

room 351



Register TODAY for the 2nd Annual Run for Their Lives

By Sean Murphy

Beads of sweat accumulate near your brow, your heart beats increasingly faster, and your sense of sound overshadows all other senses as you await that starting blast. It is SFL's 2nd annual Run for Their Lives, and you are registered, revved up, and ready to race. If the body is a temple, then the next five kilometers will be spent in worship, and



what better place to venerate than St. Louis University's beautiful campus? The numerous fountains and charming buildings make this race an excellent addition to anyone's Saturday morning. But wait, it gets even better. Each registrant's entrance fee directly supports the belief of Students for Life at Saint Louis University that no student should have to choose between having and education and having a child. The early registration entry date is fast approaching and you don't want to miss out, so be sure to sign up at <http://pages.slu.edu/org/sfl/>. We look forward to seeing you at the finish line!

- Please join us on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at SLU for the 5K run/walk
- Run begins at 9:00am, Walk begins at 9:10am
- Check-in starts at 8:00am at the Clock Tower on Saint Louis University
- Early Registration online: \$15 (closes on April 5th)
- Early registrants will be guaranteed a T-shirt!
- Race-Day Registration: \$20
- Kids under 8 run/walk for free, Scavenger Hunt for kids during the walk!
- Live music by Kale Uzzle and Friends
- Raffle Tickets for gift certificates to great local shops and restaurants will be sold before and after the 5K. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- All proceeds will fund The Pregnant and Parenting Student Endowed Assistance Scholarship provided by Students for Life at Saint Louis University. This scholarship will assist pregnant or parenting SLU students with books, tuition, room and board, child care, and prenatal care, in addition to allowing the students to remain a part of the SLU community, where they can receive much needed support.
- Help us to make this scholarship a reality as we continue to work towards our goal of endowment at \$25,000.
- Register online TODAY at <http://pages.slu.edu/org/sfl>
- E-mail runfortheirlives@gmail.com with any questions

Baby Shower at Our Lady's Inn Hosted by Students for Life

By Hannah Diamond

"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."

-Susan B. Anthony

Of the American women who have abortions, 66% plan to have wanted children in the future

-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & The Allen Guttmacher Institute



On Saturday, March 29th, twenty-two members of Students for Life gathered at Our Lady's Inn to host a baby shower for the women living there. Our Lady's Inn is a crisis pregnancy center that serves as a refuge for expectant mothers who find themselves unable to provide for their growing family. The dedicated staff at Our Lady's Inn welcomes these mothers with open arms and warm hearts and is eager

to assist them with their familial, educational, and financial plans. Students for Life recognizes the tremendous sacrifice that the mothers have made in choosing life for their children, and we wanted to celebrate their decision.

After a month of planning and organizing, the shower was ready to begin. The afternoon commenced with cake, punch, and a magic show by our very own SFL member, Pepe Ruiz. Baby shower games and a Mary Kay makeover session followed, leaving all the mothers looking radiant. As the mothers enjoyed the celebration, several SFL members looked after their children in the center's playroom. The thirteen little ones were thrilled to play with the *big kids* and watched with attentive eyes at Pepe's fire-filled magic show. All the while, Students for Life members gently rocked tiny newborns, entertained rambunctious toddlers, and awed at how precious and unique each child really was.



With the help of several dedicated Students for Life members, we were able to collect over \$600 in donations, which was used to purchase bottles, clothes, blankets, bibs, toys, pampering products, disposable cameras, and much more for the women at Our Lady's Inn. In addition to these purchased items, Students for Life was also able to donate a crib, a baby seat, two high chairs, and maternity clothes to the center.

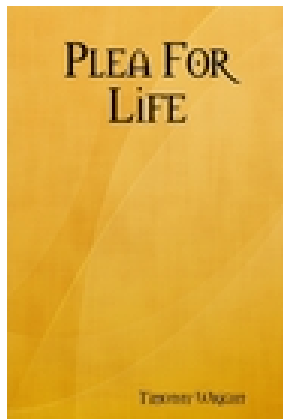
Overall, the shower was a tremendous success. With freshly applied makeup, baskets in hand, and their tired toddlers in tow, the expectant mothers



left with smiles on their faces. It is our hope that through our small effort we were able to make the day a bit brighter for these women and celebrate their brave decision to choose life for their unborn children.

Plea for Life: A Novel by a Member of Students for Life

By Patrick McGinnis



Timothy Wright's novel, *Plea for Life*, is a compelling story about the many individuals involved in a legal case concerning a young girl's desire to have an abortion. Wright offers insight into the perspectives of an up-and-coming judge, a bright young law clerk, an experienced civil rights attorney, and a small town family. The book is a great read for anyone passionate about the abortion issue. The reader is presented with discussions from a feminist perspective, an examination of the issue as seen through a prism of civil rights, and even reflections from the angle of a family. Wright has done an extraordinary job of moving beyond the usual moral and religious viewpoints on the issue and truly examining the reality of abortion. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the issue of abortion, especially from a legal perspective.

You may purchase the book directly from the author by e-mailing twright12@slu.edu, or you can find it at www.lulu.com.

In the U.S., the overwhelming majority of all abortions (95%) are done as a means of birth control. Only 1% of abortions are performed because of rape or incest, 1% because of fetal abnormalities, and 3% due to the mother's health problems.

~Central Illinois Right To Life

"Life is something everyone should try at least once."

~Henry J. Tillman

Disputing the Limits of Science: Government and Church clash over UK Bill that would legalize the creation of hybrid embryos

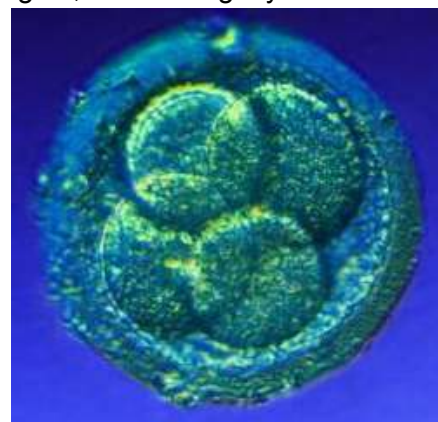
By Teresa Val

Fiction could morph into fact should Britain's Parliament vote in favor of the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill. What remains the explosive point of contention between the British government and the Catholic and Anglican Churches is the possible creation of human-animal hybrid embryos. Naturally, the very nature of such a proposal has rekindled debates on whether or not an embryo is human at all.

In a sermon, Cardinal Keith O'Brien of Edinburgh described the proposal as "not just evil, but crazy" and "of Frankenstein proportion," claiming the bill was a "monstrous attack on human rights, human dignity and human life," as reported in www.timesonline.co.uk.

Lancaster's Bishop Patrick O'Donahue supported the cardinal's statements, adding that it was "not the defenceless, human-animal embryo that is 'monstrous.'"

"...It is we ourselves who have become 'monsters' for allowing the exploitation of the unborn for our economic and medical gain," he said, as cited in www.lifesitenews.com. "Stop exploiting embryonic human beings, and support adult stem cell research instead."



FACT:

The United States has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and births in the western industrialized world.

~The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

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Proponents of the bill, such as Labour Member of Parliament (MP) for Livingston Jim Devine, have outspokenly disapproved of Cardinal O'Brien's language. "I find the type of language used by the cardinal totally unacceptable," Devine said. "This Bill could enable research into diseases such as multiple sclerosis and motor neurone disease. There is the distinct possibility that people could be helped by this research and I believe it's important we go forward with it."

Further defense, from the UK Department of Health and Rabbi Jonathan Romain (also a medical doctor), insists the Bill merely supports laboratory research aimed at the betterment of science and research, according to www.timesonline.co.uk.

Not only Catholic MPs object to the proposal. Several of Prime Minister Gordon Brown's cabinet members have expressed disapproval for the allowance of human-animal hybrid embryos. Conservative leader David Cameron has recognized the proposal as a "matter of conscience" and has allowed Tory MPs a free vote on the Bill, according to www.lifesitenews.com.

In light of these and numerous other disputes, Prime Minister Brown, an avid proponent, has agreed to only a partial free vote for Labour MPs. *TimesOnline* further reports that Prime Minister Brown's refusal to grant a full free vote—despite much urging—has created a "tremendous amount of bad feeling" within the government and continues to garner much backlash.

For more information on the issue and access to a full transcript of Cardinal O'Brien's sermon, visit www.timesonline.co.uk.

The Impact of SFL on a College Freshman

By Amy Winkler



When I first came to Saint Louis University this school year as an excited and anxious freshman, I was concerned about finding my niche. I knew that I wanted to continue as many activities from back home in Memphis as I could, and one of the most important to me was the pro-life movement. My mother and grandmother are both extremely involved in Birthright, and I started volunteering there when I was about 6 years old. Since I had been involved in the pro-life movement for many years, I didn't want to lose that aspect of my life. So at SLU I was ecstatic to find an active pro-life organization with so many dedicated people. Students for Life has become my niche at Saint Louis University because it is a great organization for service, community, and education and has allowed me to continue working for the pro-life movement. I have loved every minute of my first year with SFL, including volunteering at Our Lady's Inn, raising money and helping out during Respect Life Week, working at our funnel cake stand, attending the March for Life, writing articles for *Heartbeat*, and serving on the Scholarship Committee. Being a member of SFL has brought to my life joy, laughs, opportunity, friendship, and great learning experiences for which I am extremely grateful. Students for Life has meant so much to me, and I can't wait to dedicate myself to this lovely organization even more next year! God Bless!!



"Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women."

~Alice Paul (author of the original Equal Rights Amendment)

"A Voice for the Voiceless"



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.

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.
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