



## Do you hear the cries?

Some of us may think, "How did our grandparents and their generation allow the Holocaust to take place for as long as it did?" "How could our ancestors let so many lives be so brutally ended?"

A story that has been floating around in pro-life circles for years brings these questions to a head. The narrator of this story actually lived during the Holocaust era. His church was positioned right next to a railroad - a railroad that led many Holocaust victims to their hellish future.

Cries for help from the train cars eventually reached the ears of the church attendees, who somehow decided to drown out these cries by singing their church songs a little bit louder. They closed their ears and their hearts to the cries of those being led away to torture or death. How could they do this!

Do you hear the cries of our era? Or have you closed your heart to the desperate pleas for help that waft out of the abortion mills and hospitals where countless children are being slaughtered? Will our children and grandchildren ask the question, "How could you let this happen"? Or will they someday learn that our generation heroically put an end to this American holocaust? The choice is ours, what will we do? ■



The Aushwitz death camp, Poland

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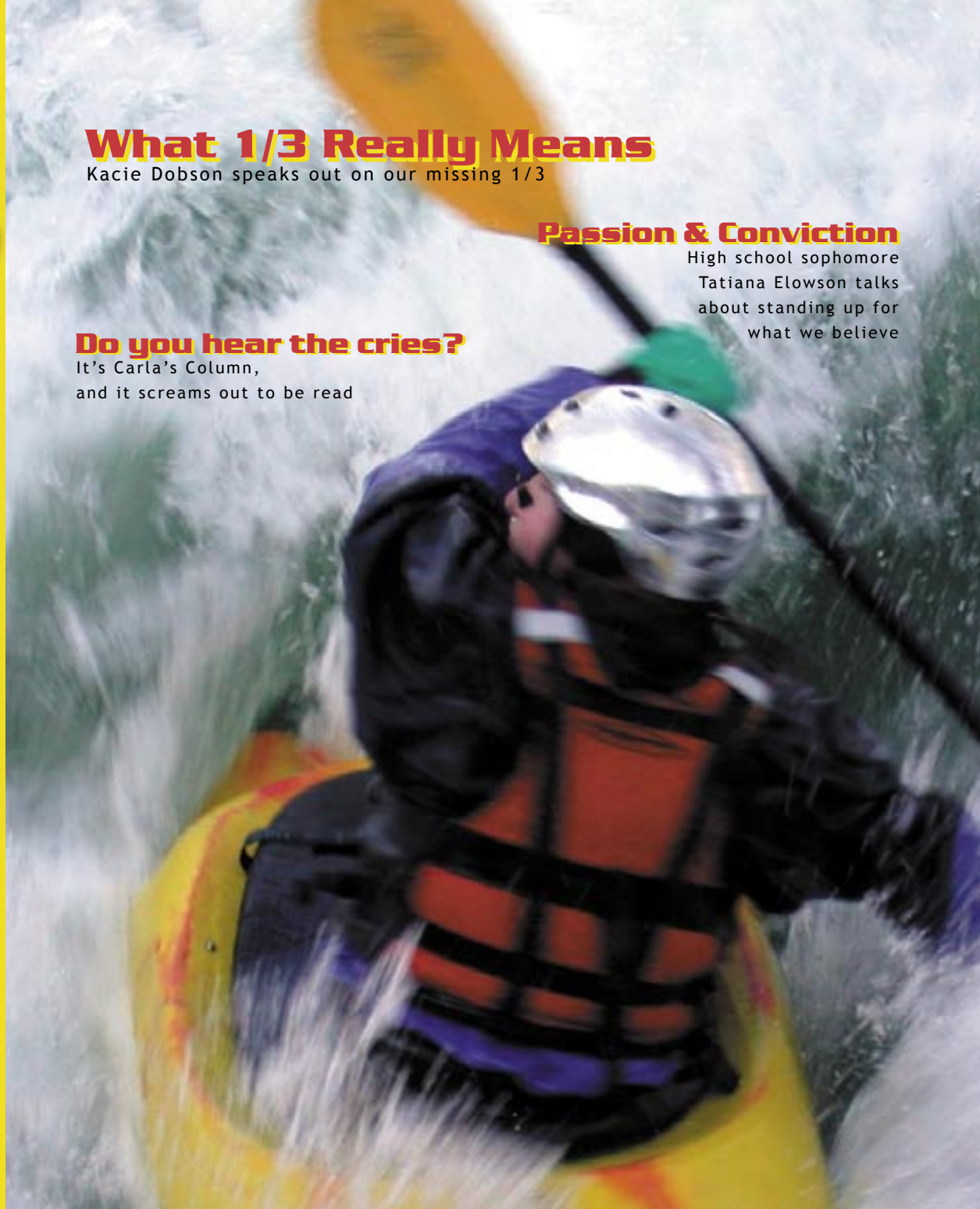
Kacie Dobson speaks out on our missing 1/3

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High school sophomore  
Tatiana Elowson talks  
about standing up for  
what we believe

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It's Carla's Column,  
and it screams out to be read



## LEADERSHIP CAMPS 2004

After last year's smashingly successful Wisconsin Teens for Life leadership camp, we decided to hold not one, but TWO camps this summer! The northern camp will be held in Solon Springs, WI from August 1-3 and the southern camp will be held August 4-6 at the Country Inn & Suites, Mauston.

These camps will bring together pro-life teens from around the state for two and a half days of education, fellowship and even a little fun. Think of it as a pro-life boot camp without the yelling or the push-ups... oh, and the food is much better, too. And, we don't make you wear uniforms... okay, it's really nothing like boot camp, except that it will give you all the basic training you need in order to really impact your world.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a part of this exciting, informative and exhilarating event, please contact us for more information. The cost for the camp, including food, lodging and materials will be approximately \$50.

Come join us for a great few days of pro-life camaraderie and learn how YOU can change your world for life. We guarantee that you'll be ready to make a difference when you go back to your schools and communities. If you'd like to know more about these events, e-mail us at [jlittle@wrtil.org](mailto:jlittle@wrtil.org) or call Joleigh at (715) 378-4302. ■



# What 1/3 Really Means

By Kacie Dobson

Abortion has killed one-third of our generation. Yup. That's right. If you've heard this startling fact before, maybe you've already thought about what this really means. If you haven't, let me explain with some high-quality illustrations. For every two friends you already have...



You're missing one other friend.



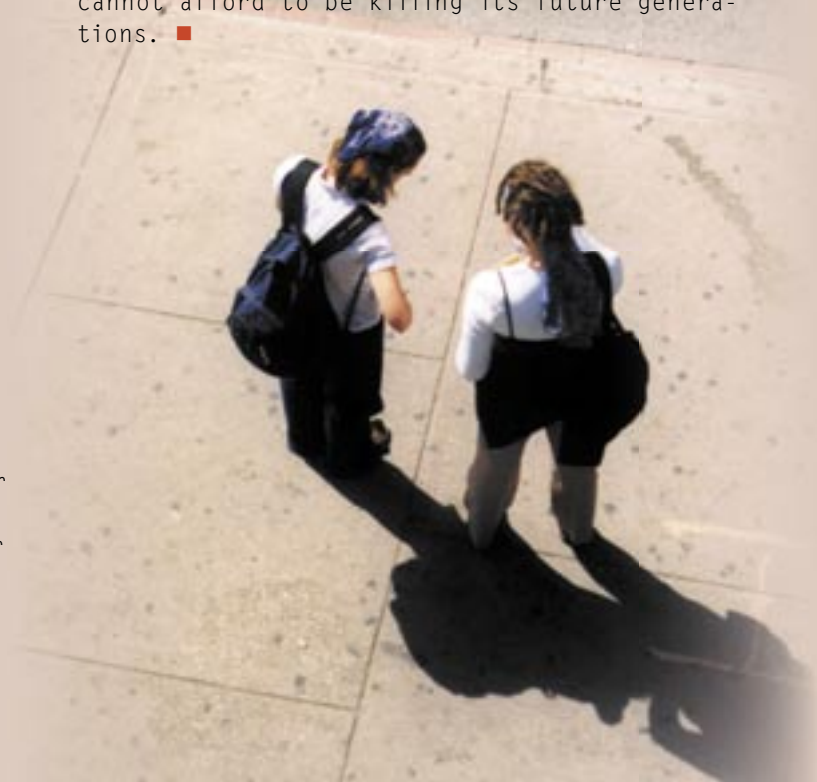
Wow, you and your friends are looking really spiffy with your cool-guy shorts, awesome cornrows, and flipped out hairdos, but look at what you're missing out on. It takes a really special person to try to bring back the side ponytail, and check out those swingin' baggy pants. She's probably a really good listener, too. We could all use a friend like her. Unfortunately, she doesn't exist anymore. That's what one-third really means.

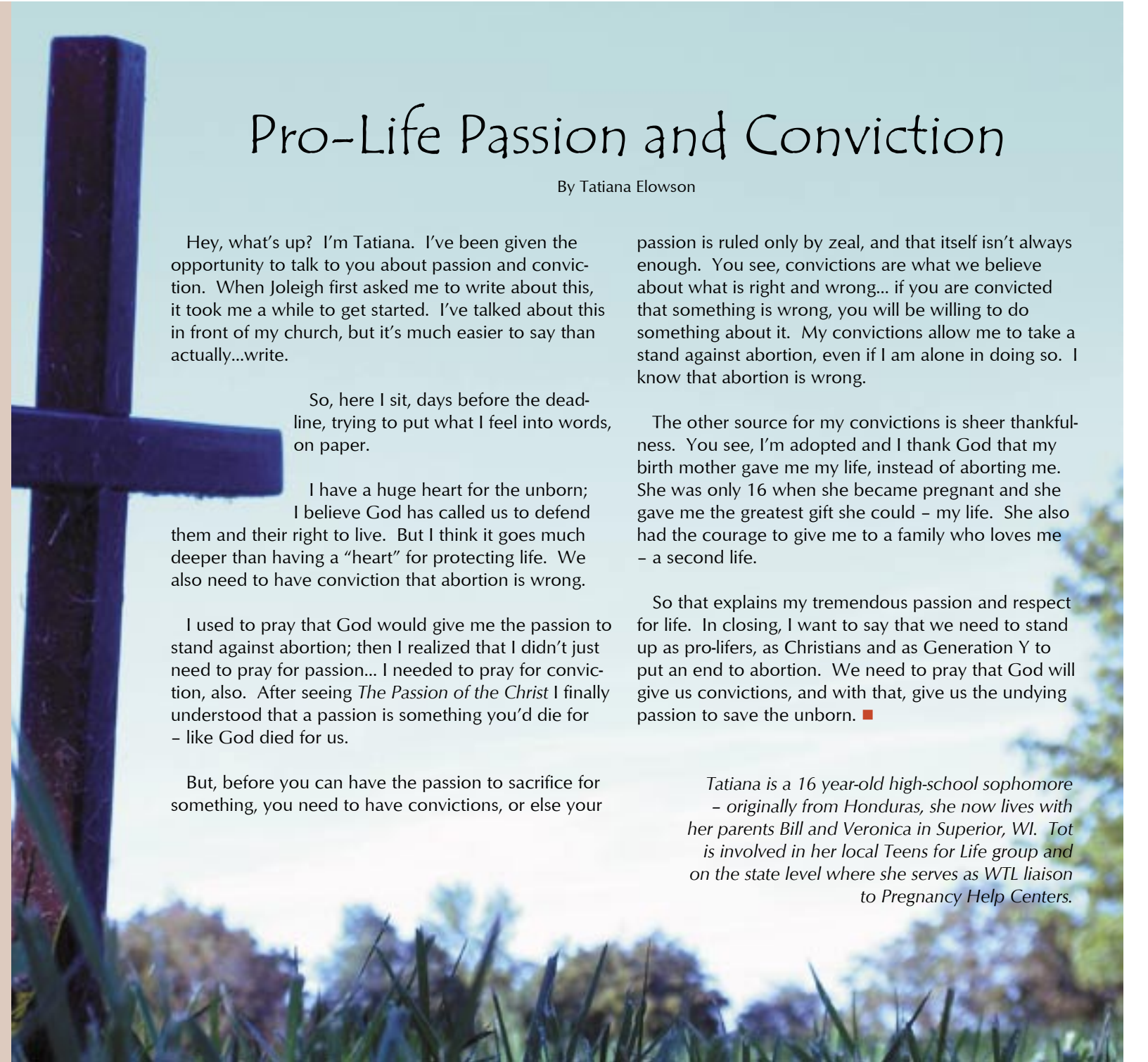
Okay, so you're all caught up with the "you're-missing-a-friend" analogy, but I bet you've never thought about the economic impact of one-third fewer teenagers. All we've been hearing from the pro-abortion side is that abortion is economically beneficial because it saves the mother the cost of having to raise her child, or that it saves taxpayer money that would go to put that child on welfare. But rarely do we hear that abortion is actually costing our nation more than it could ever save.

Think about it: after the World War II Baby Boom (actually, about twenty years later when all the Baby Boomers were becoming a part of the United States workforce), our nation made huge advances in technology and medicine. A growing population always leads to such growth, but because of abortion, fewer babies are being born (about 43 million fewer since 1973). This means that our population is declining, or at least will be, because there aren't enough young people to "replace" the elderly. This decline in population will inevitably lead to stagnation in technological and medical development.

Another factor that leads to technological advancement is basic creative ingenuity, individual people inventing and developing new ideas and products. Abortion has hindered progress in this area also, and in what is probably the most obvious way: killing a person deprives our nation of that individual's creativity. If abortion had never been legalized, perhaps diseases like cancer or AIDS could already be cured.

A growing population and creative ingenuity are two very important factors in the economic prosperity of a nation, and abortion has negatively affected both these and many other related areas. Of course I'm not saying that the only reason abortion is wrong is that it's economically detrimental; the economic impact of abortion only adds to the many reasons why abortion is wrong. What I am saying, however, is that, both economically and morally, our nation cannot afford to be killing its future generations. ■





# Pro-Life Passion and Conviction

By Tatiana Elowson

Hey, what's up? I'm Tatiana. I've been given the opportunity to talk to you about passion and conviction. When Joleigh first asked me to write about this, it took me a while to get started. I've talked about this in front of my church, but it's much easier to say than actually...write.

So, here I sit, days before the deadline, trying to put what I feel into words, on paper.

I have a huge heart for the unborn; I believe God has called us to defend them and their right to live. But I think it goes much deeper than having a "heart" for protecting life. We also need to have conviction that abortion is wrong.

I used to pray that God would give me the passion to stand against abortion; then I realized that I didn't just need to pray for passion... I needed to pray for conviction, also. After seeing *The Passion of the Christ* I finally understood that a passion is something you'd die for - like God died for us.

But, before you can have the passion to sacrifice for something, you need to have convictions, or else your

passion is ruled only by zeal, and that itself isn't always enough. You see, convictions are what we believe about what is right and wrong... if you are convicted that something is wrong, you will be willing to do something about it. My convictions allow me to take a stand against abortion, even if I am alone in doing so. I know that abortion is wrong.

The other source for my convictions is sheer thankfulness. You see, I'm adopted and I thank God that my birth mother gave me my life, instead of aborting me. She was only 16 when she became pregnant and she gave me the greatest gift she could - my life. She also had the courage to give me to a family who loves me - a second life.

So that explains my tremendous passion and respect for life. In closing, I want to say that we need to stand up as pro-lifers, as Christians and as Generation Y to put an end to abortion. We need to pray that God will give us convictions, and with that, give us the undying passion to save the unborn. ■

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## Mark Your Calendars!

- Wisconsin Teens for Life Summer Leadership Camps - August 1-3, 2004 in Solon Springs; August 4-6, 2004 at the Country Inn & Suites, Mauston. Cost is \$50.00. For more information contact Joleigh at (715) 378-4302 or Carla at (715) 394-2585

- Wisconsin Teens for Life 2005 Convention - No, it's not too early to get it on your calendar... it's going to be that awesome! This year we're in Appleton over the weekend of April 23-24, 2005.

- Lifest 2004 - We'll be having our Wisconsin Right to Life / Wisconsin

Teens for Life booth again this year - if you're going to be there, stop by and say "hi!"

- National Teens for Life Convention 2004 - Join us July 1-3 in our nation's capital for a great pro-life get-together. For more information contact us at [jlittle@wrtl.org](mailto:jlittle@wrtl.org).