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Luke 2:13-15



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"Ye shall know the truth"

Issue Two

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## Rousselow flees Manila; home for holidays



Dr. Jessica Rousselow

by Ann Calkins  
associate editor

Dr. Jessica Rousselow, professor of communication and theatre arts, is scheduled to arrive safely back in Indianapolis tonight after a hectic week in Manila.

Rousselow's brief trip to the Philippines after a semester teaching at Taylor University's campus in Singapore became a nightmare when a rebel uprising against President Corazon Aquino left her trapped along with more than 200

other Americans.

In a series of telephone calls to Taylor University officials and friends, Rousselow has reported about her situation throughout the ordeal.

She first described being trapped in the rebel-held Makati district in Manila.

When the rebel uprising began a week ago, Rousselow was visiting friends at the Ritz Towers apartments in the Makati district before she returned to Indiana.

After the rebels took over those apartments, she said, "We are

being bombarded constantly. The situation is very, very frightening...I am terrified."

Later, she and her friends fled to a private home nearby.

She spent most of the next two days huddled with her hosts in the central hallway of the home, listening to the sounds of gunfire and shelling all around her.

Calling from the home Monday, she said, "They're shelling the area where I am right now. I can hear gunfire in the background...The worst shelling we've had so far has

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## Swallow Robin expands residential capacity

by Ann Calkins  
associate editor

For the last several years, many students have looked forward to moving off-campus during their junior and senior years.

However, according to Denise Bakerink, director of housing, Taylor is beginning to work on getting back to a completely

residential campus rather than having students living in apartments in town.

"It's always been a goal at Taylor to have a completely residential campus," Bakerink said. "It's part of Taylor's mission statement."

One of the reasons for the return to a residential campus is the increase in on-campus housing

capacity with the renovation of Swallow Robin Hall.

According to Bakerink, if enrollment trends continue at the present rate, Swallow Robin, which has been used to house men and women at different times in its long history, will again be a men's residence hall when it reopens next fall.

"At this point, it will house

men, unless the enrollment picture changes drastically," she said.

"Back in the 1970's there was such an increase in enrollment, the students could not all be housed on campus, so we haven't been a residential campus in the past because of that increase," Bakerink said.

Although the administration would like to see all students on campus as soon as possible, Bakerink feels that will not happen within the next year.

"Because off-campus is based purely on the on-campus capacity, there should be 70 more people on campus and 70 fewer off-campus, next fall," she said.

However, this will not mean that all students will be required to move back on campus.

"Next year, 1349 students will be able to live on campus, plus 96-100 students in Fairlane," Bakerink said.

Also, 10 percent of the students usually commute or are expected to student teach away from campus.

According to Bakerink, the number of students in residence halls includes the tripling of five more rooms in Bergwall Hall.

The remaining students will be allowed to live in other

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## Christmas special to feature carols and stories

by Rebecca Hubbard  
features editor

"Mr. Pickwick's Stories for a Christmas Evening," the third event in Taylor's performing artist series, will be presented tomorrow night at 8:15 in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium.

This Christmas special features poems and carols of 1860's England and familiar Christmas tales by Charles Dickens.

Those attending will be met in the lobby by carolers, led to their seats by servants of the house, and welcomed by Mr. Pickwick himself.

The presentation, which has been performed throughout the United States, has a reputation for



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being a fun-filled evening.

"The entire show was cheerful and enthusiastic, and even during

intermission, the 10-member cast remained in character, passing trays of biscuits throughout the audience

and wishing glad tidings," said the *Sault Star* in a November review.

"Mr. Pickwick's Stories for a Christmas Evening" will be performed by a troupe from the United States and produced by Troupe America Inc. of Minneapolis, Minn. The evening's presentation is written and adapted by David Simmons and directed by Curt Wollan.

Ticket information is available from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and from 1-4 p.m. on weekdays in the communication/theatre arts office. Tickets are \$5 with Taylor I.D.

Off-campus reservations are available by calling 998-5289. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students, senior citizens, and groups.



## Faculty Spotlight

by Jon Wilcox  
sports editor

The beginning of Tena Krause's career as the new women's tennis and basketball coach at Taylor has been what she termed "fairy tale material."

In her first year as women's tennis coach, Coach Krause guided her team to a record of 8-4, and a first place finish in the Hoosier Conference for Women (HCW), along with claiming honors as HCW Coach of the Year.

Before arriving at Taylor, Krause, was an assistant softball coach and physical education professor at Eastern Illinois University, a division one school in Charleston, Ill.

She attended Greenville College, a small Christian college, where she played varsity tennis all four years, including an MVP senior season.

Her years at Greenville are what prompted Krause to become part of the Taylor faculty.

"From going to Greenville, I was infatuated with the fact that there is so much more caring and individualism in a smaller school," said Krause. "You're not just a number, plus a Christian atmosphere is appealing."



So when Taylor showed an interest in Krause's ability, she said that she jumped at the chance to become a part of the Taylor staff. "I eventually wanted to end up in a Christian college, so when I was offered the job here," said Krause, "I prayed about it ... and here I am."

Krause gave her tennis team a great deal of the credit in facilitating her smooth transition to Taylor. "I was concerned about how I was going to fit in, but I give my tennis team credit because they really helped in making me feel comfortable here at Taylor," said Krause.

"I already feel like I've been coaching here for years," said Krause, "I'm really glad to be here." Krause currently resides in Upland.

## New international studies major will be added next semester

by Debbie Foster  
campus editor

A new international studies major will be available to students next semester.

The bachelor of arts major seeks to provide students with a broad intellectual awareness and appreciation of the world. At the same time it allows for the development of a beginning expertise in a specialized area of international understanding.

The focus of the program is upon the twentieth century world more than the historic world. It also focuses on human disciplines more than the technical and scientific.

"This can also be taken as a second major or a minor and I expect

most students to choose one of these for their work," Dr. William Ringenberg, professor of history, said.

The core curriculum, required for a major or minor, consists of a variety of courses in such areas as politics, history, economics and music.

The concentration area, required for a major, consists of courses from such areas as modern language, literature, missions and history.

"This is easy to add as a second major because of the overlap of classes, some which are required for general education credit," Ringenberg said.

Also, many of the concentration classes are the same ones required for the core

curriculum.

"We decided to implement this major because it was felt that Taylor needed a discipline with an international thrust," Ringenberg said.

"It deals primarily with the issues and people groups of the contemporary world," he said.

According to Ringenberg, there are many student groups that would benefit from a secondary major or minor in international studies.

Some examples are political science majors with an interest in foreign service, business or economic majors with an interest in international business, education majors interested in teaching abroad and religion majors with an interest in holy land studies.

## Perspectives and Issues

by Shawn Mulder  
student body president

Lately, several people have been asking me how my first semester has been as student body president. Usually the first word to come out of my mouth is "busy".

As I look back over the

semester, I feel it is important to let you know what I have kept me busy.

Relating to my campaign goals from last spring, I continue to try to further the unification of Taylor University students, faculty, administration, and staff through programs and conversations.

The wing sponsor program has proved to be an extremely effective unification program. Responses from both PAs and sponsors have been very positive.

The 'Campus Connection', a group of student leaders from across campus, has been meeting once a month to facilitate communication between the groups and to address campus issues and concerns. This group has helped to unify students.

Within the Taylor Student Organization (TSO) activities such as TSO worship breakfasts have been effective to unify the nine branches of our student organization.

Besides my goal to further unify Taylor's campus, I promised to represent the student body to the best of my ability.

I attend several meetings each week where student opinion is important. Because I live on campus and because I choose to be involved in a variety of campus activities, I feel that I have had a good handle on general student opinion.

Obviously, not all opinions are the same. I pray each day that God will give me the wisdom necessary to make decisions relating to my job as student body president on a personal level and on a university level.

New issues come up each year. For example, this year TSO has put a great deal of time and effort into the van services policy. To some of you such a policy may seem trivial

and you may wonder how something can take so long to finish.

Similar to the VCR issue last year (by the way, this issue is not dead), policies in an educational system such as ours do take a long time to work out the details.

Also, although this issue may seem of little importance to you, but it is very important to a minority of Taylor University students.

Good things are happening both within TSO and at the university level.

In closing, I assure you that I am just as dedicated to my goals and ideas as I was last spring during election time. I am also open to new ideas and/or suggestions. I am here for you.

## Jay's special, SAC Christmas banquet to be held this weekend

by Rebecca Hubbard  
features editor

The Student Activities Council (SAC) and the Inter-Class Council (ICC) are helping to usher in the Christmas season for Taylor students.

The celebration begins tonight with the third annual Jay's Christmas Special and the SAC movie, "Ernest Saves Christmas." Saturday night SAC will feature the traditional Christmas Banquet.

As in the past, Jay's Christmas

Special, beginning after the home basketball game, will feature Dr. and Mrs. Jay Kesler as the master of ceremonies.

A highlight of the evening will be a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, Taylor students David Thompson and senior Julie Minor. According to senior Stacy Acton, ICC president, "This is not your typical run of the mill Santa."

Daryl Yost, Taylor's Provost/Executive Vice President, may be participating in the evening also by reading "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," a Christmas classic.

Decorations for the evening will include the Christmas trees decorated by each class. "The trees are decorated with different color according to the class," Acton said.

"The seniors will use purple and gold; the juniors, blue; the sophomores, red; and the freshmen, green."

ICC will be providing Santa gingerbread ice cream sandwiches, hot chocolate, egg nog, and hot cider.

Immediately following the Christmas Special, SAC is presenting "Ernest Saves Christmas" in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium. Cost is \$2 per person.

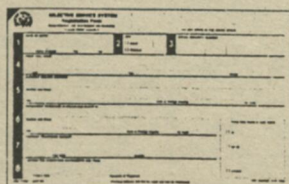
On Saturday evening, the annual Christmas Banquet will be taking place in the dining commons during regular dinner hours.

Bill Heth, assistant professor of religion, and Tom Essenberg, advancement, and their families will be serving punch during the evening.

The featured music will be a band led by junior Todd Syswerda, with special guest singers such as senior Paul Meriweather, junior Bill Ford and junior Dan Seibel.

While students will go through the regular serving line, the dining commons is providing a cheese table and a fondue bar for students.

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## Rousselow

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lasted nine minutes. It seemed like hours."

She described their dependence upon the TV and the telephone as their only source of news.

"We have pillows, a bottle of water, a flashlight and crackers here in the hallway," she said. "We're trying to keep sane by talking to each other and holding each other."

On Sunday, under armed guard, she and those in the house made their escape to the International School in a safer part of the city.

"It was a frightening ride," she said over the telephone. "We were fleeing for our lives. I felt as though we might be gunned down at any moment."

Once she arrived at the school, she again reported to Taylor about the dangerous situation.

"I can still hear shooting in the background," she said. "I've been up all night. I haven't slept in three days."

Finally, after much prayer from concerned members of the Taylor community, Jessica was able to get back to Singapore.

On Wednesday, Rousselow reported that she was able to book passage on a flight to Singapore and would return home to Taylor soon.

"I'm safe; I love you," she said. "It's a miracle, a series of miracles, that I got back."

She will arrive at the Indianapolis International Airport tonight at 11:03 p.m. where she will be greeted by many Taylor friends and will give a news conference about her experience.

According to Dr. Alan Winquist, professor of history and Taylor's professor at the Singapore extension last fall, he is "very relieved" to know that Rousselow is safe and he feels the situation helped to draw the Taylor community closer together.

"When you have one member of the community in trouble, you all worry," Winquist said.

"I'm very delighted and relieved that it all worked out," he said.

"In a crisis situation, it really reaffirms your faith that people do care deeply," he said.

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apartments off-campus if they have been approved for off-campus living.

According to Bakerink, approval for off-campus housing is based on a one-year period and is necessary before students may move off-campus.

There will be a required meeting next semester for anyone interested in living off-campus for the 1990-1991 school year.

More information regarding the meeting and the meeting dates will be available early next semester.

## Opera comes to Taylor...



"The Lowland Sea," an operetta performed Friday night by students, alumni, and faculty featured freshmen Bill Dayton and Wendy Joye.

photo by Glen Mills

## Financial aid process undergoes changes

by Melinda Flynn  
editor

Applying for financial aid is a task dreaded by most students; but the financial aid office is trying to make the process a little easier this year.

According to Kay Stouse, assistant director of financial aid, the changes were made in order to relieve students of some of the burden of applying for aid. "We've eliminated all the unnecessary paperwork so that it will be easier for students to meet the deadline," Stouse said.

One of the major changes in procedure this year is that a separate form for Taylor's files is no longer needed.

"We found that much of the information on the form we required duplicated the information students give on their FAF, so we are just taking our information from there now," Chris Kinnier, director of financial aid, said.

He also said that because this form is not required, it is important for students to fill out the FAF in its entirety.

"The signature section (of the FAF) is halfway down the form this year, but students shouldn't stop there," Kinnier said. "They need to fill out the whole form for Taylor's information."

Another change is the deadline for the FAF application. This year the form must be postmarked by March 1, 1990 in order to be

considered for all types of aid available. "The earlier the FAF is in, the earlier it can be processed and aid can be awarded," Stouse said.

"I think that a lot of students have failed to apply on time in the past because they think they have to submit completed tax returns," Stouse said. "It's fine to send in estimated forms and then send in your completed form later."

Kinnier pointed out, however, that no award of aid will be given until the completed forms are mailed to the College Scholarship Service.

According to Stouse, FAF applications are to be filled out in pencil instead of pen this year in order to avoid mistakes.

"There is also a separate worksheet being enclosed in each FAF as a kind of rough draft," Kinnier said. "Students usually take two forms in case they mess up. This worksheet will eliminate the need for that."

Stouse said that the amount of aid awarded this year is going to be similar to that awarded in past years.

"Despite the increasing enrollment, I think that we are going to be able to provide students with as much aid as in the past few years," Kinnier said.

FAF forms are available at residence hall desks and at the financial aid office. Indiana residents are required to complete a different form from out-of-state students.

Alyson Forbes Flynn

## The Real World . . . or What?

Time and time again I am reminded that life at college is *not* the real world. Recently, I was watching Oprah and as can be expected they were debating some male vs. female argument.

A young man raised his hand. Oprah (now quite skinny), dashed up her mauve studio stairs to the young man. As he said, "I am a college student," someone in the audience snickered and snubbed, "We are talking about the real world."

I began contemplating this attitude and I became more than perplexed and more than peeved. If college isn't real, then what is it? I wondered what would result if I inverted this real world. Purple skies, pink trees with mauve leaves, goblins, fairies, and smurfs would be in this fantasy world. Could this be so? It has been a while since I have seen any of these at Taylor.

Now as I sit studying for my exams, I can feel my brain slugging like half gelled raspberry jello. I lay my head down hoping that Lois won't find me drooling on the ever-present library desks.

What will I tell my parents when they open my grades in the double-dupla-perforated-computerized-slip-thing? I could give them a hey-hey-hey Steve Martin look and say, "But guys, college isn't the *real world*."

The real world is off-camera: He doesn't *really* look like that. You should see him in real life. It is bland: All the adventurous stuff happens to Indiana Jones somewhere in Nepal.

And the real world is tedious: The real world is working at McDonald's. That's why you are in college.

College isn't real, is it? When I graduate and get a job in this real world, will my boss ask me, "But Miss Flynn, How did you do in Bib Lit II?" Are we living in a twilight zone, frozen, helpless, and unaffected?

I can't stop here and make you think I am totally ignorant of the integration of faith and learning. I study. Sometimes. And so do you. Well, some of you. I think we are in the real world now.

## Snyder to receive doctorate in August

by Debbie Foster  
campus editor

Steve Snyder, assistant professor of psychology, is currently working toward his doctorate in educational psychology, with a specialty in instruction and cognition.

Snyder received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Cedarville College and his master's degree in counseling from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

He came to Taylor in 1982, taught for five years, then decided to pursue his doctorate at Indiana University.

"I decided to go back and work on my doctorate because I want to be a more effective teacher, a better researcher and make what I teach long-lasting to the student," Snyder said.

During the summer of 1986, Snyder said that he completed a full load of classes, as well as taking up residency for a year at Indiana University. He then took another full load of classes the following summer.

Snyder worked on many independent projects. One project dealt with training teachers based on their research model which was later published in the Journal of

Educational Research.

He has also worked on a critical thinking project which involved Snyder being a mentor to students.

They conducted research at Taylor concerning problem solving and will present their paper at the American Psychological Association conference.

Currently Snyder is working on his dissertation which deals with effective teaching.

"I am focusing on the variables of presenting information clearly and the effective structure of concepts," he said. "I feel that by obtaining my doctorate I will be a better researcher in educational psychology, I will know the content of course matter better and I will know how to improve as a teacher."

Snyder hopes to receive his doctorate in August of 1990.

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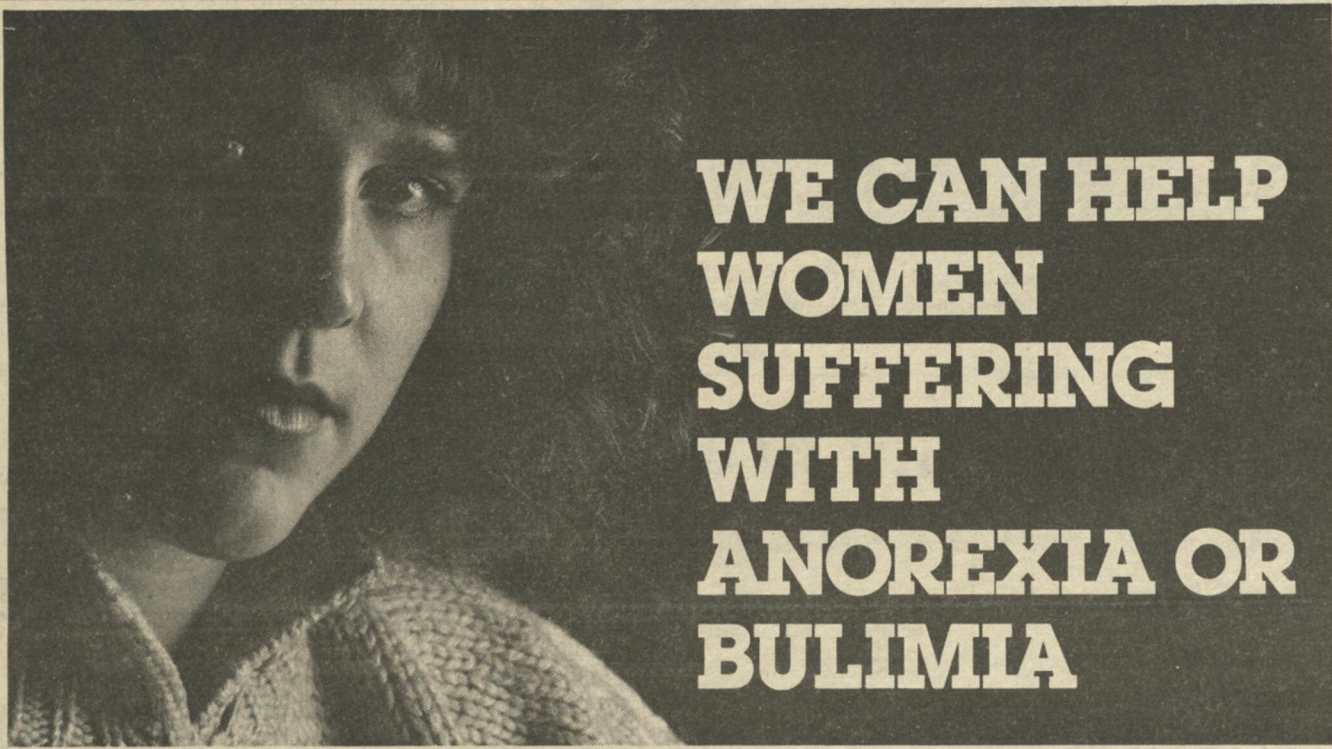
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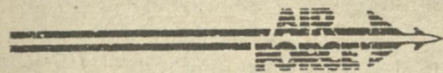
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## Sacred Christmas chapel...



Musical groups including the Taylor brass ensemble and the Taylor chorale helped to put students in the Christmas spirit by performing seasonal hymns during the sacred Christmas chapel on Wednesday.

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# MK's find holiday homes in the States

by Rebecca Hubbard  
feature editor

While most Taylor students will head home next week for the holidays and a relaxing Christmas break, some will find Christmas a little more complicated.

According to senior Steve Baarendse, president of MuKappa, a campus organization for missionary kids, most students whose parents are not in the United States find Christmas a difficult time of year.

"I miss my parents more at Christmas than at any other time during the year," said Baarendse.

While this year, Baarendse's parents are flying into the country, and the family will spend Christmas together in Wisconsin, other missionary kids are not as fortunate.

"I don't know of anyone who has nowhere to go because usually kids have friends or other relatives in the States," said Baarendse.

"Spending Christmas with other people does make it interesting, however. There they are all being a family, and you tend to feel completely out of your element."

Foreign students are also faced with finding a place to call home for vacation.

Freshman Richard Phillips, a foreign student from Ireland, considers himself quite lucky when it comes to Christmas break.

"I'm going to Chicago to spend Christmas with my best friend from Dublin (Ireland) who is studying at Wheaton," Phillips said. "I really can't wait to see her and her family again."

## Letters to the Editor

### Taylor policy questioned

Dear Editor,

Each year every Taylor student must sign a form stating the has read and agrees to abide by a thing called the Life Together Statement.

In last week's *Echo*, there was a story concerning six Taylor students who were arrested in Washington D.C. for trespassing on private property.

This spawned my curiosity, because I remembered that there was something in the Life Together Statement concerning students and civil arrest.

So I looked at the Life Together Statement in the Student Handbook and sure enough, "in keeping with scriptural admonitions to bring ourselves under the authority of government, members of the Taylor University community are expected to uphold the laws of the local community, the state of Indiana, and the nation."

"An exception would be those rare occasions in which obedience to the civil authorities would require behavior that conflicts with the teaching of Scripture."

"On such occasions, each individual would submit voluntarily to the civil penalty for his behavior. Behavior resulting in civil arrest on or off campus is subject to review within the university's disciplinary procedures" (8).

Those from Taylor University who demonstrated with Operation Rescue have made a conscious choice which violates both the Life Together Statement and American law.

Therefore each one of them must take the responsibility and

repercussions of their actions under both the university and civil law.

Taylor's response is that these people are doing what they think scripture teaches, therefore, they are not breaking the Life Together Statement.

This raises a question as to who is the final interpreter of what is scripture for Taylor University?

Taylor is trusting the students to make this decisions. What would happen if a Taylor student felt joining the Ku Klux Klan went along with Scripture? What about blockading a Satanic church's entrance or for what matter any church?

So I guess Taylor would do nothing about their actions, as long as the student felt what he was doing was scriptural.

I question why Taylor has not considered discipline for those arrested. The law which was broken pertained to trespassing on private property.

How does requiring someone to demonstrate 101 feet away from an entrance (D.C. ordinance) conflict with Scripture? It doesn't.

Therefore, "when a student is unable to abide by the values, standards, and regulation of the university, is generally uncooperative or violates public law, he will be contacted by the associate vice-president of student development/dean of students or his representative."

"At the associate vice president for student development/dean of students' level of response, a student must meet with one of four types of hearing Groups (staff hearing, representative hearing, special hearing, or student court)." (11).

Why has student development chosen not to initiate the university's

disciplinary procedure? What is the appropriate university response to this issue?

I is not enough that the university condones these people's actions by not considering them for discipline. But it is also causing confusion among the Taylor community.

Professors are excusing students from classes as well as letting them make up exams to participate in this activity. What happened to "students are expected to attend ALL SESSIONS of classes for which they are registered." (31)

Taylor University needs to make a statement concerning the university's position on Operation Rescue. Does Taylor support Operation Rescue by not responding to these arrests? How many students must be arrested before Taylor responds? How divided will the community become as a result of Operation Rescue?

Please note, my argument is not with Operation Rescue. It is with the policies at Taylor University.

Tim Grable

### Pro-choice

Dear Editor,

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

These Old Testament words sum up beautifully the essence of a New Testament Christian lifestyle. My life is to mirror Jesus' life — which was (and is) the greatest example of the principles of justice, mercy and humility.

The questions of justice, mercy, and humility are difficult

ones, but my conclusions and ensuing response must be the best my conscience and clouded, partial vision (I Cor. 13:12) can offer to God.

With my assumptions about God's expectations stated, I would like to share some personal questions with my brothers and sisters in Christ who have become involved in Operation Rescue or other attempts to prevent abortions.

First, I challenge the assumption that the living or non-living status of the fetus is a black and white issue. The root of the issue lies in philosophy and medical science.

No person, Christian or non-Christian, understands the nature of human life — what exactly constitutes a soul, or how and when the soul enters or becomes one with the body.

In addition, medical science, contrary to "facts" from either side (or maybe considering "facts" from both sides), has not proven or disproven with professional unity at which point in development the fetus possesses certain functions, or to which functions to assign the role of beginning life.

Since, therefore, the status of the fetus is not black and white, I cannot justify the violation of another's established civil rights on the basis of "higher law" and its punishment of "murder".

Returning to the concepts of justice, mercy and humility, I challenge pro-life people to consider the implications of the abuse, neglect, poverty and families who cannot emotionally or physically nurture the children as God would have them to. I cannot be convinced that it is wrong under these

circumstances to make the difficult decision for abortion.

And I certainly do not, then, presume the right to judge people or prevent that from being an option when the legality of it safeguards sanitary, safe and affordable procedures. I challenge Operation Rescue participants to question this with me.

Finally, abortion is not the problem. Abortion is the symptom. Unplanned pregnancies (in or out of wedlock) are not the problem. They are symptoms.

The root of the problem is need — need for love, need for hope, need for a reason not to consummate a temporary relationship. Can we judge these people without attempting to understand their lives?

I question whether there is any understanding of mercy or justice (for the long-term and for everyone involved) in the protester's position. I question whether Operation Rescue rescues both (or all) of those hurting.

Does it restore them to wholeness? I question whether justice is done when a supposed life is "saved", but doomed to a life of injustice and pain.

Meeting people's needs — and providing them with unconditional love, acceptance and hope on an individual, Christ-centered basis — is the key to healing people around us. We don't win any battles through coercion; we win them through the love of Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, please consider the above questions before you protest against legal abortions.

Jackie Belile



# The true origin of Saint Nicholas disclosed

by Mitzi Thomas  
staff reporter

With his bright red suit, snow white beard and jolly ho, ho, ho, the image of Santa Claus often grates on the spiritual nerves of Christians.

He epitomizes the commercialization of Christmas that we find so tasteless.

It has gotten so bad, in fact, that man Christians today are simply dismissing Santa Claus as a mere fairy tale that the "world" uses to obscure the celebration of Christ's birth.

But when Christians dismiss the figure of Santa Claus as fable,

they are missing out on an inspiring story of faith, hope and love. Yes, I said faith, and yes, we are still talking about Santa Claus.

The origin of Santa Claus dates back 1,700 years ago to a city called Patara (which is now in Turkey) where Nicholas was born to well-to-do parents.

After displaying a love for God and his commandments throughout his childhood, Nicholas was ordained into the priesthood at the tender age of nineteen.

One of the first and possibly best know acts of kindness occurred early in his life.

It concerned a once well-off,

but now poor, nobleman who lived in the same town as Nicholas.

This nobleman had three daughters but could not provide money for their dowries, so he began making plans to sell his eldest into slavery.

When Nicholas heard this, he secretly threw a bag of gold into the nobleman's house. The man used this gold as a dowry for his eldest daughter.

The same thing happened with second daughter; but when Nicholas attempted to repeat this kindness with the third daughter, he was caught by the father. Nicholas was embarrassed and swore the man to

secrecy. The tale was only told after Nicholas' death.

This is only one of kindnesses that Nicholas is said to have performed.

Nicholas was a bishop at the time of the reign of Constantine, the first Christian emperor of Rome.

Emperor Constantine summoned the bishops of the Christian Church to Rome because of a dispute that was threatening the very existence of the church: the divinity of Christ.

During the debates in the great hall at the palace of Nicea, Nicholas listened as priests from Arian argued against the divinity of Christ.

Finally, having heard enough, he walked across the floor of the great hall and slapped the speaker across the face.

He was seized by the guards, stripped of his bishops robes, shackled hand and foot, and thrown into prison. He was denied any further participation in the council and was sentenced by law to have his hand cut off.

The next morning when the jailor brought food to him Nicholas was found in his cell, fully dressed in his bishop's robes, calmly reading the Holy Scriptures.

News of this miraculous event spread throughout the city. Nicholas was released, and Emperor Constantine made a formal apology.

After his death, Nicholas' fame spread and countless churches were named in honor of Saint Nicholas.

It was the Dutch settlers who landed in what is now New York State who are generally credited with establishing the Saint Nicholas traditions in the U.S.

The good Saint Nicholas, as you can see, is far from being a fairy tale.

His transformation at the hands of artists like Thomas Nast and writers such as Clement C. Moore has perhaps dimmed the tales of his faith in God and his kindness to all.



Juniors Mitch Beaverson and Colin Strutz of fourth floor Morris serve refreshments to Santa during their annual Christmas open house. Penthouse won the campus wide competition for the best decorated floor for the fifth consecutive year.

photo by Glen Mills

## Wings find ways to relieve stress

by Debbie Foster  
campus editor

AS the stress of finals week mounts and students are feeling under pressure, many wings around campus plan events to help relieve some of the stress.

According to several students, a popular event that happens during

finals week is the spontaneous trip to the nearest fast food restaurant for a quick study break.

If there happens to be snow on the ground, fourth floor Morris relieves their stress by going outside at night and playing snow football.

Many wings plan pizza parties for a time of fellowship and relaxation. Along with this, first floor Morris is having nightly stream therapy sessions. Every night curing finals week at 10:55 p.m. everyone screams to relieve the stress they are feeling.

First South English is showing a 10-minute cartoon along with popcorn and a time of fellowship. This will be a time for the students to get their minds off of studying for a short while.

A Sunday night cereal party is

planned for third west Olson. Everyone will bring a box of cereal and sit around and talk. Tuesday, Dec. 12, they are going to their wing sponsor's house, Tim Herrmann, associate dean of students. This will be a time for snacking and fellowship.

Third center Wengatz is also planning to go to their wing sponsor's house to eat pizza, play ping pong and watch football.

In order to relieve the tension and stress, third center Olson is planning a popcorn and back rub study break.

The all-union nite activity scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12 has been canceled.

### Scott McGlassen guest columnist

Take a look around you, go shopping, glance at a calendar, and you know: Christmas is coming. Yessir, December 25, a holiday like no other holiday ever.

Now, I've heard people say that Christmas is purely an economic phenomenon, that it's just a month-long annual adrenaline shot to keep capitalism alive, a myth designed to encourage buying and selling, but no. No, I think it's more than that. And I've got a story from my own life to prove it. It was just last year, very late at night on Christmas eve ...

Suddenly, I awoke from a wild dream (one with loud rock-n-roll and these cute dancing sugar plums) with the quick and certain knowledge that strange things were afoot down in the living room. Wonderful things, Christmas things.

I crept down the stairs in my jammies like I was a little kid, and I could hear a rustling - kind of like presents being put around a tree. I was curious. I peeked around the corner and there he was, him, plain as day in the glow of the Christmas tree lights, a fat man in red, shuffling around the tree, muttering to himself - Santa Claus. I could smell a pipe, and it smelled good, almost magical.

"Does my mom know you're here?" I said.

"What? Oh, hi there, kid. Ho, ho, ho. Well. Got any milk and cookies?"

"Uh, that depends," I said, impressed by his directness. "You got a new Stratocaster guitar and maybe a Marshall stack?" I knew my rights.

Santa stalled. "Ho, ho, ho... well, say, kid, let's cut the small talk. Let's talk about me. You feel weird? Talking to me, a living myth, right here in your house? Quite a kick, huh?" Santa chortled, with a crafty grin.

I thought. "Well, no. That's the funny thing ... you're just this big guy with presents. You are a bit more hip than I imagined, though," I

reflected.

"Why do you do it, Claus? that's what's strange. I mean, the presents, the elves, the flying deer, the hassle..."

"Why? Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho!" Santa shook his belly, just like it was jelly. "Listen, kid - it's the best. you know how you get a good feeling of, well, of power, when you give someone a gift?" I said yes. "Well! Just imagine that power increased by million of times, giving presents to kids everywhere. Yessir, in fact, that power is what makes the reindeer and the sleigh fly. It's great, the whole thing."

"What about all the bad stuff, the tension, the shopping malls? The hype, the television specials?"

"Hey - not my idea, kid. All those things are amendments to the original myth. But-" he winked, smiling with rosy cheeks and nose, "that's not where it's at, now is it? No sir..."

"So where is it at, Claus?" I said, looking a lot like Clint Eastwood at this point, "what are you getting at?"

He looked at me long and hard, squinting through the pipe smoke. "Giving, kid. Human kindness. That power in giving. Just look at me, what I'm doing ... better yet, look at Jesus Christ, son, now there's what I'm talking about." That's when it got weird - where the heck did that come from? Was this Candid Camera in the Twilight Zone? Was this man in red some crazy evangelizing priest? "You seem puzzled, my boy! Ho, ho! Makes sense to me ... Christ makes me look half-baked, small time. What's the old Son of Man all about? I'll tell you - he's a giver if I ever saw one. Me, I'm just a myth; Christmas and I are supposed to remind people about that whole spirit of giving and kindness. Don't you get it, kid? C'mon, shape up. Now - I gotta fly, so to speak. So let's talk cookies."

Santa got his cookies, but I forgot all about the Strat, until just now.

Of course, there's this year. Who knows what lies in the holidays ahead ...





Sophomore Rachel Haley, number 32, attempts to pass the ball to a Trojan teammate, despite a Manchester opponent's efforts to thwart her attempt. Taylor defeated Manchester, 64-62, in the game Tuesday night. photo by Mark Daubenmier

## Women's basketball wins two in a row

by Jon Wilcox  
sports editor

The Taylor women's basketball team defeated Manchester Tuesday night 64-62, their second win in a row.

Taylor won their first game Saturday in the Indiana Wesleyan tournament, defeating Grand Rapids Baptist 81-60, and placing third in that tournament.

In Taylor's game against Manchester, sophomore Rachel Haley was the leading scorer with 22 points, while freshman Joi Brown and junior Shannon Warfield added 13 points each.

Coach Tena Krause said that rebounding is a main reason for the team's turnaround in the past two games.

"The biggest change in these last two games is our rebounding,"

said Krause," in that we've blocked out opponents more effectively."

Warfield was Taylor's leading rebounder with 10 all-defensive rebounds.

"We also had much better shot selection," Krause said, "but the key to our wins were defense and rebounding."

The women's team, now 2-5, travels to Spring Arbor to compete on Saturday.

## Ivanhoe Classic begins

by Jon Wilcox  
sports editor

The Taylor men's basketball team makes their first regular season home appearance at 6 tonight against Union College (9-1) in the Taylor Ivanhoe Classic.

Taylor enters tonight's game with a 7-1 record, beaten only by Belmont College, 67-61, in the Coca Cola Classic.

Taylor placed third in that tournament by beating Athens State in Alabama 69-58, and Trevecca

Nazarene, 65-64.

Coach Mike Springer feels that the team's success so far cannot be narrowed down to one or two players.

"All nine returning lettermen have contributed really well," Springer said, "and team effort has been excellent."

Taylor's starters coming into tonight's game are sophomore David Wayne and senior Ryan Sorrell at guards, junior Dale Miller and senior Scott Dean at forwards, and either senior Jay Teagle or junior Pete Newhouse at center.

Teagle has been playing about half of the game, according to Springers, because of strep throat and also because he is still recovering from injuries.

Springer heavily emphasized the importance of Taylor's supporting cast, especially contributions from junior Rod Chandler, sophomores Chad Bibler and Ty Platt.

"All nine lettermen have contributed in every win we've had this year," Springer said.

If Taylor defeats Union College they will face the winner of the Marian/Indiana Wesleyan game.

## Cross country runners finish 16th at nationals

by Jon Wilcox  
sports editor

The Taylor men's cross country team finished the season placing third in the NCCAA meet at Cedarville, Oh. and placing sixteenth among 38 teams in the NAIA Nationals at Kenosha, Wis. held on Nov. 18.

At Cedarville, seniors Jerry Gerig, juniors Daron White and Mike Fruchey were among Taylor's top finishers in what Coach Chris Coy considered "their most outstanding performance of the season."

Following the meet at Cedarville, seniors Nathan Phinney, Kevin Roth, Jerry Gerig, Scott

Sheeley and junior Daron White received awards for their performances.

"This was a tribute to these athletes," Coy said. "It certainly says something about the work ethics both athletically and academically of these young men."

Taylor also competed in Kenosha, with runners Fruchey, Gerig, White, and Roth finishing with times in the top third. "This is an outstanding achievement for these kids," Coy said.

The women's cross country team was unable to qualify as a team for the nationals, but individually, freshmen Naomi Moore qualified and finished 113 out of 329 runners.



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