

PURPOSE OF SEIZE THE DAY

Imagine if all of us, the youth division of the entire United States, could meet in the same room once a month and miraculously respond to what each person has to say. This meeting would be the supreme medium for us to exchange ideas, communicate, and rally ourselves toward world peace. But, of course, we cannot all meet in the same place. And a fantastic forum where thousands of people engage in a single vast dialogue is an impossible ideal.

But certain alternatives are not merely an ideal. Our newspaper serves as the forum for this nationwide exchange. And though the written process is of course slower, it exists as the most immediate medium for the countrywide membership to maintain unity and share Buddhism.

Upon our request, SGI President Ikeda gave our insert its name — *Seize the Day*. These three words seem the perfect battle cry for us, the American youth, as we fight for peace, culture, and education.

The phrase *Seize the Day* carries a tone of advancement and hope. But what exactly does this phrase mean? Perhaps a good task for each of us is to contemplate our own individual interpretation of the word *seize* (some kind of practical action and dedication we conduct) and seek to employ it in our daily lives.

The staff of *Seize the Day* hope that you can utilize this insert whenever and wherever possible. Cite the study page at meetings, read the monthly experience, share material with members and non-members alike, especially teenagers.

We are determined that *Seize the Day* will become a paper worthy of such high focus, and we will work steadily to improve the quality of everything on each page. We encourage both your criticism and your contribution. Let's make this much more than a pipeline of one-way information. Of great importance is that this paper reflect the thoughts and actions of all the youth in America. It's a monumental task, but we can do it with your involvement.

Shan and Kim head-up the Seize the Day insert. If you have any suggestions, materials, etc., please see bottom of page C on where to send them.