

WORLD TRIBUNE MAILBOX

An ‘Unapathetic’ Response

It’s about a quarter to 3:00 in the morning, and I have just finished reading the last two *World Tribunes* from Jan. 23 and Jan. 30. And to show that I’m not one of your statistic “apathetic youth,” I’m going to “Seize the Day”! Or rather the morning. I’m responding to the editorial in the Jan. 30 *World Tribune* (“The *World Tribune* invites young people to write to us about apathy and how to cure it.”)

In my humble opinion, the problem with today’s youth is that they lack vision. Namely, they lack immediate and long-term goals. Furthermore, if they do have goals (most youth do, however material), they lack the “seize the day” attitude that SGI-USA Youth Division Leader Ed Feasel expounds upon in the Jan. 23 issue of *World Tribune*.

To cure apathy (if a panacea actually exists), today’s youth must define their goals and have the discipline to carry out their goals with the *carpe diem* attitude. This, of course, is not easy, otherwise everyone would do it. I believe, from my own experience, that the “Discussions on Youth” articles featured in the *World Tribune* provide the practical encouragement for youth to discipline themselves.

I wholeheartedly would like to see (and I am willing to work on it myself), when the discussions have ended, a book or handbook published (like the temple issue publication) and given out to all the youth division members and made readily available, even on-line. So there can be no excuse by one single youth division member — “But I lost the last 20 *World Tribunes*....” — to not have read it or have access to it.

— PAUL CHU, Claremont, Calif.

P.S. Kudos on the “Seize the Day” pullout. It Looks Great!! The format is pretty bomb. It looks really appealing and catches the eye immediately. The graphics and format make it “cool” for the youth division. Also, I like Greg Martin’s article and Ed Feasel’s introduction (because also he’s the bomb), but that’s probably because I’m a college student. You should probably have more articles not so philosophical, but practical (applying Buddhism to everyday-life issues of youth). And I just thought of something ironic, if you have an article about the apathy of youth, wouldn’t they just be too apathetic to read the article???

Emulating Roberto Clemente

Whenever the *World Tribune* focuses on an article about the great Roberto Clemente such as the Jan. 9 article, I experience a feeling of pride in being a member of the SGI men’s division. Somehow his humanitarian spirit comes through as that spirit that all men should and must take into each of our communities. With the determination to take the kind of action and risks that Clemente took in his straightforward effort to help the people, we can make similar efforts to help save our neighborhoods.

While I’m not saying that we should risk our lives as Clemente did, I do know that I, as one man, can stand up a hell of a lot better than I have in the past. I determine to do so in 1998. We can all do it!

— MIKE CAMPBELL, Jersey City, N.J.

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