

# Love Thy Neighbor

**H**ippies, Yippies, New Left, student unrest, radicals, SDS, beatniks, peaceniks, protestors, draft card burners, commies, black militants, anarchists, dissenters, activists. The System, the Establishment, law and order, fascists, pigs, racists, middle-class, the military-industrial complex. These are some of the emotion-filled terms, often used in derision and bitterness, symbolizing one of the divisions in this fractious nation in 1968. The chasm of misunderstanding between a conspicuous and significant element of our college students and college-age young people and some of their elders is real and important. The distrust, conflict, and frustration which separate segments of our society need to be understood in order to be resolved. Such understanding calls for cool, dispassionate analysis, the setting aside of self-righteousness by all parties, and an attempt to seek answers. We must ask Why? and we must remain open and tolerant.

Playwright Arthur Miller, a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, in an interview with a television newsman said he was greatly disturbed by a feeling of hate and fear on the part of many of his fellow delegates toward the dissenting young. Such emotions do exist, on both sides. The manner, beliefs, and actions of some of our youth are causing serious cleavages in our country. The articles in this issue of SOONER MAGAZINE attempt to look at them and evaluate them. The three major articles on "The Generation Gap," "The Activist Student," and "Styles of Youth" on pages 6-19 are written by a professor, a campus minister, and a student counselor from three sections of the United States. It is hoped that their efforts can offer insight and information. If our nation is to become whole, we must love each other. Part of love is understanding and respect. We need to look past external differences and search for common ground. This nation doesn't need any more hate, derision, or demagoguery. It needs reason. Whether we like it or not, we've got each other. Let's try understanding.

In addition to the articles by Sanford, Scruggs, and Berger are a sardonic look at Student Subcultures on pages 20-23 and three articles by students about some aspects of college life they have been close to—the Greeks (page 24), the leadership bag (page 25), and athletics (page 26). We hope you find these to be edifying. Finally is a brief appraisal of a football season fraught with suspense (page 27). We are optimistic that our end-of-season report will be a pleasant one and that you'll look forward to receiving the Chuck Fairbanks Football Letter after each game. □