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Editorial

Licks for Adults!

There has been a call for the introduction of corporal punishment in schools.

Licks for students is the clarion call by many who are concerned about the violent nature of the "flowers of our nation".

The Minister of Education has set up a committee to review the removal of corporal punishment in schools. Protagonist who object to the recall of corporal punishment offer alternative methods which make good reading for our "educators" but lack realism in the classroom, particularly in our Junior Secondary and Senior Comprehensive Schools.

How can there be better interaction between teachers and students when either there are no teachers or no students?

How can there be learning when gambling is the culture of the classroom? The reality of the indiscipline among students in our Junior and Senior Secondary Schools, from my own experience as a retired teacher, stems from the fact that schooling is perceived as a good "ole trini lime".

Students attend school without books. Are you surprised that we must rent them books, when they walk around with cell phones?

The book bag is a haven for powder, perfume, cream, shoe polish, a deck of cards and a walkman. A copybook or page in their back pocket is sufficient for the day's lesson. They diligently attend classes when there is no teacher! Walk the corridors and frequent the washrooms when there is one! This is the new culture that characterizes schooling. It is the culture of our 'trini' society - so why blame our innocent children?

Our teenagers are still in the process of learning that which is right from that which is wrong. Their morality is a reflection of the mores of their parents and the society at large. This morality is transported into the classroom. If therefore there is violence and indiscipline in the classroom, it is simply an extension of the culture at home and in the society.

It must be remembered that our Junior and Secondary Schools were designed to cater for the less academically inclined students.

These are the students who have difficulty in learning and consequently in discerning what is right from what is wrong. Should we give licks to our students who are slow learners and are still in the process of learning right from wrong, as opposed to our adults who have attained maturity in years of understanding that which is right from wrong? Do we beat adults for the wrongs, which they commit?

- **Licks** for adults who indulge in corruption!
- **Licks** for adults who beat their spouses!
- **Licks** for adults who drink, drive and kill!
- **Licks** for adults who commit adultery!
- **Licks** (Public Whipping in the Square) for adults who rape or commit incest!
- **Licks** (Public Whipping in the Square) for adults who steal, murder and kidnap!

Only if such measures are introduced, could there then be justification for corporal punishment in schools.

THE WAR IN IRAQ

Toast Masters Public Speaking Speech for Graduation by Leah Naipaul

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When given the option of writing on any topic, I would usually choose a topic on global issues. For this assignment I have chosen to write on a very debatable topic - The Iraqi War. The main reason that the war interests me is because it is so controversial. I feel that all wars are bad and negative, and dialogue can be used to solve issues rather than fighting and brutal battles.

War

There is much civil disorder and disobedience in the world. Awareness is necessary and each person should take a stand against war. **War is defined as a state of armed conflict between different nations, states or armed groups.** The past holds many examples of how disastrous war can be. Time and time again, history has shown that there are no positive effects of war. Therefore, if this is a known fact, why are the

heads of nations so compelled to go to war? Is it because they are evil and want revenge or is it because money and other insignificant things in life blind them? With war comes bloodshed, despair, hurt, disorder, lost loved ones, pain and heartache. War also affects each country around the world, because we have adopted the idea of globalization.

Dictator

The reason for the Iraqi war was to get rid of the dictator, Saddam Hussein. This man oppressed his people. He killed his daughter and son-in-law because they disobeyed his rulings. When the people of Iraq did not follow his orders, and disobeyed him, he had them soaked in acid. Another Hitler maybe reminds us of the Holocaust, the Nazis and the genocide for which the unforgettable Hitler was responsible. President George

Bush and the United States took it upon themselves to see that the people's rights in Iraq be regained, and implant democracy. But the manner in which they took action is unacceptable. The effects of this war have shown how detrimental their actions have been. Yes, the United States filed sanctions, yes they tried to force Saddam Hussein out of his country, but were they right to do this? Can people force people to get out of their own country? All of this happened and yet Saddam did not step down. Britain and the U.S.A saw Saddam as a threat to the world. They decided that the only way to stop him was to go to war. But as veterans against the war said, "*War establishes a dangerous precedent in the conduct of international affairs, that it could easily lead to an increase of violent regional instability and spread of much wider conflicts that places needless and unacceptable financial burdens on the world.*" Veterans

iterated this statement before the war.

Who are the Murderers?

The world's economy is changing, airlines are going bankrupt and people are afraid of travelling. Not only is our world suffering economically, but it is also suffering emotionally and environmentally. The purpose of this war was to get rid of one man, but just look at what is happening to the people of Iraq! They are losing body parts after being blown up.... hands .. feet.. maybe both. Some people are being burnt to death, mothers... separated from their babies, fathers losing their sons. In the heat of the war, even media personnel are dying. Is finding one man really worth the loss of all these lives? Who is the murderer? Who becomes the bigger murderer in this case? Saddam Hussein or the United States?

Hypocrites

It is obvious that the well being of the people is insignificant to both the United States and Saddam. So if neither of these

nations cares for these people, who should?

This war proves the hypocrites that people are. The United States said this war was for the people and to safeguard the rights of the people, but what about safeguarding their lives first. The thoughts of war are saddening to many, but to others it is something they talk about with clenched teeth and tightly closed fists, with strong redeeming voices.

Veterans

For example, bitter words of war include: Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri, speaking on March 24 said:

"We are beating the enemy and the enemy will be beaten and will be buried in the deserts of Iraq."

The Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, in a message read out on state television on April 1 said,

"Hit them! Fight them! They are evil aggressors damned by God. You are victorious and they are defeated."

General Vince Brooks at the US Central Command in Qatar

on 2nd April said " *The dagger is clearly pointed at the heart of the regime and will remain pointed at it until the regime is gone.*"

These are all words of hatred and anger. Can we not try to live in a world of peace ... and tranquility! Must being human give us animal like qualities to be so degrading as to slaughter others! I do not believe in war. When there is war, greater antagonism among countries is brought about. History has proven this and history would keep repeating itself until people understand and get the idea that war has no positive outcome. Only hatred is caused and rebellious actions taken.

Peace

War would end only when people find love in their hearts and peace within themselves. As soon as people believe that each person is equal and must be accepted, and as soon as people know that there is a Greater Being than them, only then will war end. In closing, I would like to leave you with this words, "*what does it profit a man, to gain the world and loose his own soul?*"

New Marriage Officers of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-I-Islam Inc.

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APPOINTMENT OF MUSLIM MARRIAGE OFFICERS (Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act, Chap. 45:02)

THE UNDERMENTIONED MEMBERS of the Muslim Community have been appointed Marriage Officers for the purpose of the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act, Chap. 45:02.

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The Qur'an on Corporal Punishment

The adulteress and the adulterer, flog each of them (with) a hundred stripes, and let not pity for them detain you from obedience to Allah, if you believe in Allah and the Last Day, and let a party of the believers witness their chastisement.

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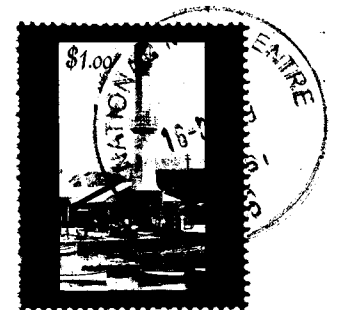
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