

Teen-Age Girl Wants To Learn How To Beat Pan

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What got me mad about the letters concerning the bad behaviour during the Coronation Carnival was that almost everyone blamed the pan-beaters.

Now, as one of the so-called "Youth of Today," I am quite naturally a steel band fan. In fact, like many other teen-aged girls, I would like to learn to beat the pan.

I am not saying that a pan-beater is an angel, because, after all, no one really is; and of course, some people are worse than others. That means people in general, not necessarily pan-beaters. So I would like to know why did people jump to the conclusion that it was steel bandmen who were responsible for all the trouble.

Some people take a very selfish view of the bands. Because they don't like the music, they say it is uncultured (that's the best of the worst). But if one does not like spinach, it does not mean that someone else cannot enjoy it.

People who go around assaulting others will do so without music, steel band or otherwise. It's only in the movies they use background music for murder.

I think that before stopping the steel bands, the authorities should stop the sale of alcoholic beverages on Carnival days, and the police should also do something about clearing up our city of some of those notorious night clubs. They are more of a disgrace than the steel bands.

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