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Highway Hazards

Aldous Huxley uses a Christmas Eve party as the setting for one of his more recent novels, *The Genius and the Goddess*. As the party and the novel draw to a close, the following lines appear:

He got up, took my arm and walked me out into the hall, "Drive carefully," he said as he opened the front door. "This is a Christian country and it's the Saviour's birthday. Practically everybody you see will be drunk."

Though this passage may be a bit too cynical for some people's taste, it does serve here as an eloquent warning against mixing drinking and driving during the holidays.

Of course, none of our readers (most of whom are college students and consequently the world's most enlightened people) will be careless enough to drive while intoxicated.

Yet, even college students have to contend with "the other guys", the ones who haven't yet learned that even a few drinks can lead to catastrophe.

In addition, danger on the highway is not only caused by drinking. In fact, the Canadian Highway Safety Conference points out that intoxication ranks but eighth among the leading causes of traffic deaths. Even more common are: speed too fast for conditions, unsafe backing, assuming right-of-way, cutting in, failure to signal, unsafe passing and inattention.

So even if you don't drink, you still had better drive carefully if you want to see what academic adventures are in store for the new year.



He says he does it by Steady Saving at the Bank of Montreal*

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From Our Readers

Letters to the Editor

A New Cain

Sir: The following poem, by Mr. Raymond Souster, of Toronto, will doubtlessly interest your readers:

FREDERICTON

So this is "the poets' corner
 Of Canada" — Bliss, Sir Charles,
 And Francis Joseph Sherman,
 All born, all Latin'd and Greek'd here.

Not one of them
 With anything really to say,
 But dressing it up, faking it,
 So that they fooled quite a few in their time.

And I can understand why.
 Outside of the noble river
 Which none of them bothered to write about,
 This city has little to commend it,
 And couldn't help but in time
 Drive a man to drink or lousy poetry.

Which voices are no doubt being practised
 At this very moment today.

Here we see the honest poetry of a sincere Canadian, a man who is not partial and who has something to say.

Fredericton is considered the "poets' corner of Canada" by those who live in the area, and on the campus we have a memorial to bards who lived and received their education here. But the "poets' corner" is not representative of all who have written poetry. Raymond Souster who has written about Fredericton and described it with an acute eye is not mentioned on the monument nor is there a monument in his honour.

This is a gross error on the part of the "Board of Historical Sites and Monuments of Canada", as well as past and present members of Fredericton city council.

I think that because the Canadian government is suffering from a budget deficit and the city of Fredericton is destitute, the students of the University should start a fund so that the proper authorities could erect a monument to an eminent Canadian poet — a poet who tells the truth about the "City of Elms".

Sincerely,
 A CANADIAN

Biased Decision?

Sir: The following is a letter we sent to Judith Bell, editor of the *Dalhousie Gazette*. We would like you to know that not all of the audience were in agreement with the decision. Though Dalhousie is capable of winning a debate, it was second to UNB on November 25:

Dear Madam Editor:

To surrender or be exterminated?
 We hereby protest the decision of the debate between UNB and Dalhousie on November 25. Only one judge was qualified to criticize the debate. The others were biased before they even entered the law building. They voted not so much for Dalhousie, as for the negative side of the argument.

Dalhousie's only asset was an outspoken redhead. Our worthy opponents, on the other hand, presented many well-founded arguments and attacked the resolution from every angle.

Dalhousie protested UNB's usage of new material in the re-

buttal. UNB, we feel, should have protested the choice of judges.

Two otherwise firm Dal. supporters,

Sandra Manning
 Maura Morton

NFCUS Insurance
 Sir: I have been asked to comment on the NFCUS life insurance scheme recently advertised in the Brunswickan.

The group term insurance offered is the cheapest type obtainable and is well suited to most students' requirements. The rates of this plan are about 30% lower than for term insurance bought individually.

The amount of insurance a student should carry should be at least equal to his estimated burial expenses and his personal debt. To this could be added an amount equal to the payments the student would have made to his family had he lived; an amount reflecting the dependence of his family on his future income. For most students this will be a negligible sum.

W. J. Reddin

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