

BLOOD & THUNDER

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Fredericton Motorists

On several mornings, driving into Fredericton doing *slightly* over the speed limit on the Ring Road many cars zoom past me doing at least 100 km/h! (the speed limit is 80 between Sunset & Brookside Drives and 90 between Brookside and Maple St.). I say to myself, "I hope you get caught for speeding you dumb jerks!!!" When I come to the first set of lights, there they are, stopped at the red. When the light turns green I drive past them, since I did not have to stop. I laugh at them. They zoom off again only to be caught AGAIN at the next set of lights. They think driving fast will get them to their destination faster. Not so.

Another morning, I watch all the idiots who are running stop signs. I am not impressed, since when I did a "rolling stop" onto the Trans Canada some time ago with no traffic coming for miles in either direction, I got stopped (since I failed to see the RCMP cruiser hidden up the highway behind a guard rail). He gave me a nice little piece of paper saying that I had to pay a minimum fine of \$57.50!!! I was not impressed! But at least I was CAUGHT for breaking the

law. What about all those thoughtless people in Fredericton, who roll through stop signs and pull out in front of traffic, just because they don't want to wait until all the traffic goes by?

I notice that most people like to roll through stop signs at the end of residential streets. It does not occur as often at 4-way intersections, though I HAVE seen people breeze through stop signs at these (luckily with no accidents, but unfortunately not seen by police!). I even saw one car breeze through a stop sign near the SUB where I was about to cross the street! Nice courtesy to pedestrians!!! Fredericton seems to be getting more like cities in Ontario, where a yellow light means speed up, or make your left turn fast so you won't have to wait at the lights for 5 minutes! No waiting 5 minutes just wouldn't do. I had an accident in Ontario due to just that. The driver turning left wouldn't wait! Since then, I am a more careful and observant driver (it seems that someone has to drive for all those jokers out there).

Why the big hurry? If you know you have to be at work, school, etc. at a certain time, why take stupid chances just to get there on time? Leave with plenty of time to get

there. The world is not going to end if you end up being a little late.

Finally, I was taught that pedestrians always have the right-of-way at intersections. To look at pedestrians on campus, you would think different. I should know, since many times I have started across the street (at a cross-walk no less) and have had to stop in the middle of the street, just because a (perhaps) late motorist doesn't have "time" to stop. When I'm driving I try to be courteous to pedestrians, since I know what it's like to be ignored standing at the curb waiting to cross the street.

So please SLOW DOWN, remember that stop signs mean STOP, not YIELD, and watch for pedestrians waiting to cross the street. Just some things to think about.

Scott Carlisle

Condom Usage

This letter is in response to the goings on at Saint Thomas over the last few weeks. It is very disturbing that the people involved are again sticking their heads in the sand over any thing to do with SEX. I realize that our culture has

this Victorian fear of this topic, but I would hope that a university campus would be the place where a mature discussion of this topic could occur. If this university is truly "open minded" like some people have stated then we should have no problem discussing such important issues of the times as safer sex and condom use. It might seem to be very trivial to bicker over whether condoms should be available to students, but in actuality this is a life and death issue. If the individuals involved realized the gravity of their actions. This is not just an issue of who makes decisions for students but is an issue of life and death.

Condom usage is not just a preventive measure to avoid pregnancy or to avoid contraction of STDs, but is an action of preserving human life. There is no such thing as high risk groups, just high risk behavior. Removal of condoms from campus could be construed as one of these high risk actions. We are aware that our medical plan will cover oral contraception, but the issue here is not avoiding unwanted pregnancy but saving people from unwanted death.

I realize that negotiations are underway for putting up condom

machines on campus. I hope that these negotiators are aware that for every day that passes that there is a chance that someone has contracted HIV. STU is not isolated from the rest of the world. We should not take a holier than thou attitude. We are just as susceptible to disease as anyone else.

Ian Mac Donald

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