

RE: Easier to board the space shuttle

By James Connolly

After Speaking with David Brannan about my last article, he was quite upset about my treatment of the Planetarium. Rightly so, I was unfair, but I, (and others who have recently contacted me), have no way of seeing the shows put on by the Planetarium. Fortunately, 1986 may be the year of change. According to Brannan, the Planetarium may start public shows in very early spring.

Brannan has nothing but compliments for the Planetarium. I can see why. On my brief half hour tour and interview, I saw some very impressive devices which as David Brannan says, "make excellent teaching tools." He was a bit upset that the physics classes don't make use of it. It really is a golden opportunity for

greater understanding. The shows are entertaining and "you don't need a physics degree to walk through the door. I'm a business student and I understand it."

Brannan claims part of the success for the employees who "are really interested. We get by on what we have." The Planetarium is successful. Aside from the UPEI Bookstore, the Planetarium brings more non-university people on campus than anything else. Part of it's appeal might be that it's the only Planetarium east of Montreal.

"It has lots of potential ... If UPEI used it to its fullest potential it could do a lot more for UPEI." In Brannan's opinion, the Planetarium might attract science students. After all, the building is very modern looking. Anyone seeing it is bound to think

of the UPEI science program as being modern.

Brannan was also upset about the teaching staff. "When the Planetarium first opened, they (the staff) came to see the shows. None of the staff had ever used the equipment before and the whole thing turned out to be a farce ... But they never came back ... Now we have all done so many shows we can literally do them with our eyes closed." It's so dark in the dome that open or closed, his eyes cannot be too much help.

Rumours around campus indicate that the Planetarium might be shut down. Why? Before anyone makes such a decision, I think they should visit the Planetarium, talk to David Brannan, and perhaps learn something new about the sky.

Daniel Rodier.
Scholarship student. Dedicated to becoming a marine biologist.

Will he make it?

Yes, he will.

Danny's a brilliant student. There's no end to what he wants to learn. Yet Danny's no hermit. He really enjoys a good time.

One of the things Danny's learned at university is how to keep those good times good. When he drinks, whether it's beer, wine or spirits, he knows his limit and he respects it.

Another year or so, and Danny will be working in a field that's fascinated him all his life. He wouldn't risk spoiling the opportunity for anything.

Yes, Danny is going to make it.

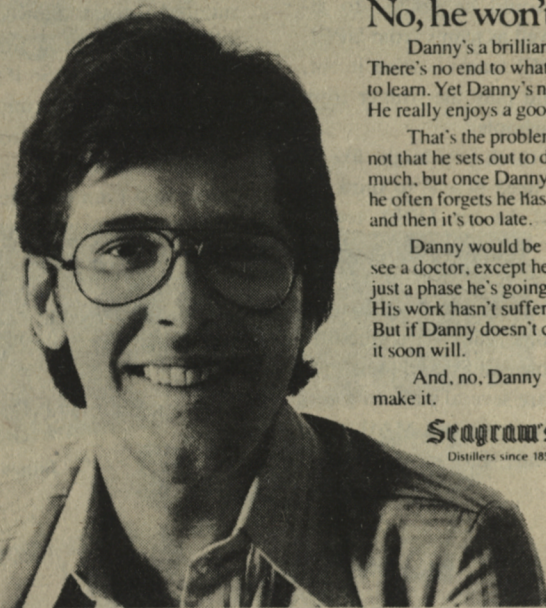
No, he won't.

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That's the problem. It's not that he sets out to drink too much, but once Danny starts he often forgets he has a limit, and then it's too late.

Danny would be wise to see a doctor, except he says it's just a phase he's going through. His work hasn't suffered yet. But if Danny doesn't change, it soon will.

And, no, Danny won't make it.



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