

•LETTERS•

Storm Cancellation

Dear Editor:

Three cheers to the administration of UPEI!

This is the first winter in my 5 years here that the "powers that be" have been good enough to cancel classes during snow storms.

In past years, they have not cancelled classes during storms, and all the students showed up, but no profs. Finally, we get to sleep in too!

Gratefully yours,
Robert Adams

Challenger 25: Hindenberg

Dear Editor:

When Challenger 25 blew up January 28, 1986, a mission control commentator who was not looking at his monitor ironically said: "Obviously a major malfunction." In stark contrast is Herb Morrison's radio recording for Chicago's WLZ of the Hindenberg crash at Lakehurst, New Jersey, May 30, 1937. In this found poem which juxtaposes the two commentaries Herb "fills in" the deathly vacu u.

MISSION CONTROL: "T minus 10, 9, 8, 7, 6

we have main engine start
4, 3, 2, 1. And lift-off,
lift off of the 25th space
shuttle mission and it has
clear the tower....."¹

HERB MORRISON: "Here it comes, ladies and gentlemen, and what a sight it is....."²

MISSION CONTROL: "Challenger, go at throttle up."

DICK SCOBEE: "Roger, go at throttle up....."

HERB MORRISON: The sun is striking the windows
of the observation deck on the
westward side ... Oh, Oh, Oh.....!
It's burst into flames."

MISSION CONTROL: "Obviously a major malfunction."

HERB MORRISON: "It is burning, bursting into
flames and is falling oh!
This is one of the worst oh!
It's a terrible sight oh!
and all the humanity!"

¹ "A Space Tragedy," *Macleans*, 10 February, 1986, p. 24.

² See Michael M. Mooney, *The Hindenberg* (New York: Dodd, Mead & Co., 1972), p. 239.

By Bernard Callaghan
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Hampshire, P.E.I.

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.

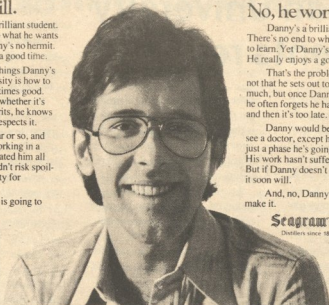
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That's the problem. It's not that he sets out to drink too much, but once Danny starts he often forgets he has a limit, and then it's too late.

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.

Seagrams
SINCE 1850



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