

"It's a power game"

Self-serve gas bars, a well-disguised front

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS putting the independent gasoline retailers out of business. Robert Piki is convinced that national oil companies are subtly "It's a power game" charged

the uniformed president of the Ontario Retailers Gasoline Association at the Bearpit interview, Tuesday.

The session titled "I've got gas" focussed on issues surrounding the rising consumer prices for gasoline in Ontario.

Piki claimed that oil companies are receiving a disproportionately higher portion of profits than the independent gas dealers, forcing them to cut their profit margins by 80 per cent.

Another 'tactic' Piki noted as being used by oil companies to put their independent dealer out of business, is the expansion of self-serve gas stations which sell gas to the consumer at a lower price. Piki called the practice unfair competition to the independent gas dealers.

NDP member Ed Phillips, another Bearpit quest said the oil companies plan to drive all the independent retailers off the market so that they can move in and

monopolize all the retail outlets in the province and eventually charge higher consumer prices for gas.

Both panelists felt that the oil companies were threatening the free-enterprise system.

"This unfair competition is a threat to free enterprise", said Phillips. "My question is why isn't the conservative government, which claims to be a free enterprise party, doing anything to protect the small guy?"

"This price war will have serious repercussions for Ontario consumers if we do not act quickly to establish a standard oil refinery price for large companies and small retailers."

"Oil companies are so secretive about their books and unwilling to reveal their actual profits," he added. "We should not allow any oil price increase until we can see exactly how much profit they are making at the expense of small entrepreneurs."

Second Language Monitors

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A minimum of 400 university level students will be selected throughout Canada to become second-language monitors during the school year beginning in September 1976. This interprovincial program was established by the Ministry of Education of Ontario in conjunction with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada and is financed by the Department of the Secretary of State.

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Students storm Metro

MONTREAL (CUP) — Over 10,000 people marched on Montreal's Hotel de Ville protesting the increase in fares of the city's transit system (known as the MC-TC). The previous fare of 35 cent exact cash was raised to 50 cents and student cards for reduced fares (10 cents under the old fare schedule) are not applicable to students 18 years or over.

Throughout the preceding week, students from the Montreal area CEGEPs and universities protested the increase by occupying METRO stations, jum-

ping over turnstiles, opening control gates during rush hours so that the general public could enter the UCTC without paying, and urging people not to pay the increased fare.

At least a dozen students have been arrested so far, and a defence committee has been set up.

Petition on Fares

An inter-university petition demanding lower TTC rates for university and college students is expected to circulate through York next week.

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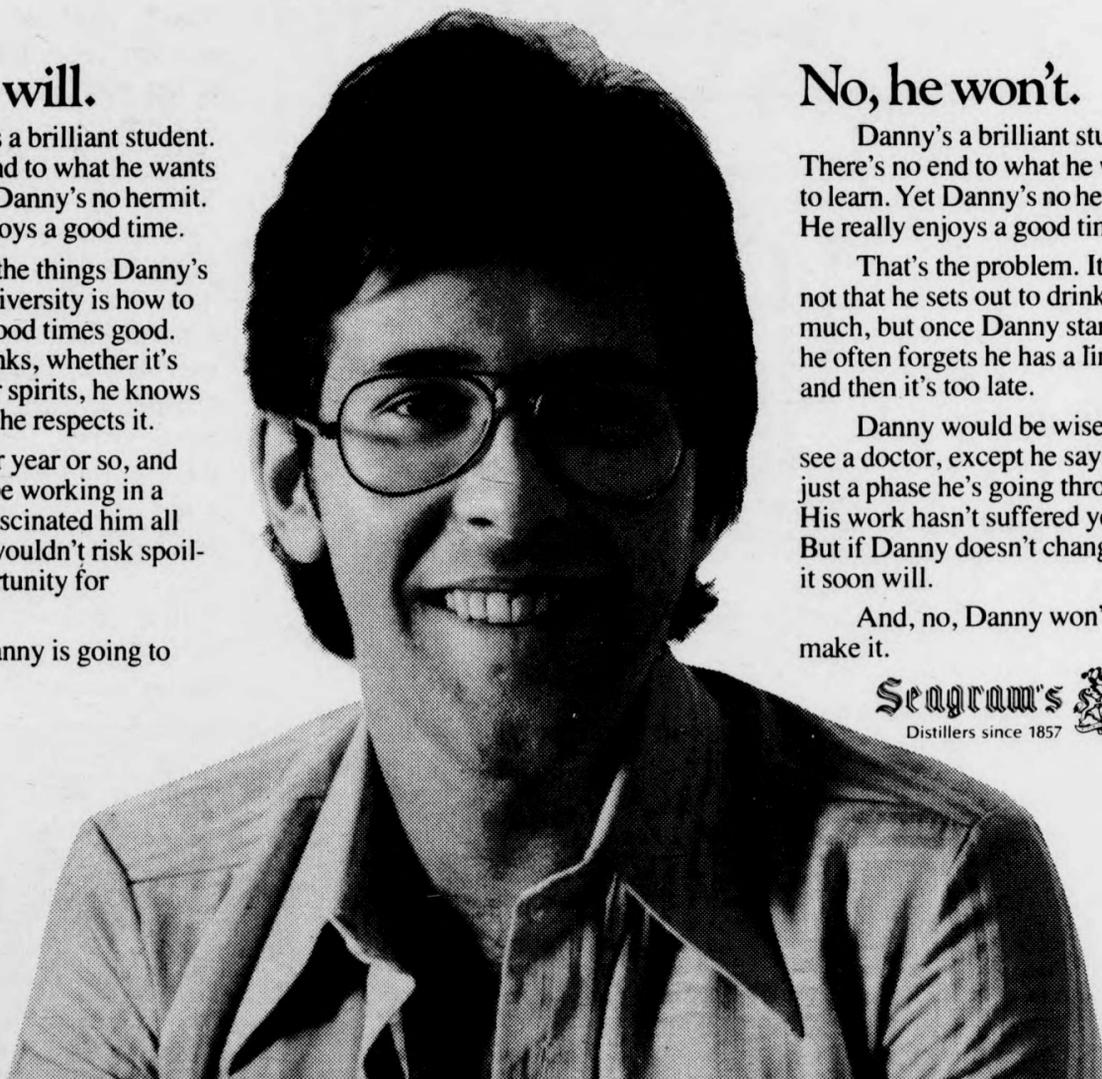
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No, he won't.

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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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