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While she was attending Bluefield Senior High, she was a top athlete in track and field. A competitor who is now at UPEI described her as "one of the best runners on PEI." The Bluefield yearbook says that Sutton likes photography, dancing, and sports. It also says that she wants to travel.

Glen Charles LaLanne has been referred to as a "bad cat" in the Nova Scotia media. Here, at UPEI, LaLanne was described by a casual friend as "a good guy," and as being "pretty level-headed."

Very few people other than Shawn Sutton knew LaLanne. He didn't associate with his fellow residents of Marion Hall. He confined casual conversation to rare occasions and never went to the lounge in Marion to watch television. He, like Sutton, spent most of his time alone in his room or with her. Neither got involved with any on-campus activities.

Erv Williams, the regional director of the National Parole Board, said in a telephone interview from his office in Moncton that LaLanne was sentenced in 1986 to three years imprisonment on a manslaughter charge, and another two years imprisonment for a break and enter crime in the city of Sydney, Nova Scotia. The sordid details of these crimes cannot be mentioned here because they might have a bear-

ing on the outcome of LaLanne's current trial.

LaLanne was released in the summer of 1988 on parole specifically to attend UPEI. His parole term was to end in 1991.

On Monday 23 this week, LaLanne was being transported to the Sleepy Hollow Correctional Facility in a van with other prisoners. He had been handcuffed to another prisoner at the start of the ride, but he somehow freed his hand from the cuff. When the van was opened by an employee of the correctional facility, LaLanne fled into a nearby open field. The RCMP were called in. With the use of a skidoo borrowed from a local resident, RCMP officers chased LaLanne, caught him in Winsloe, and returned him to custody. This incident may have added the charge of *escape from lawful custody* to the already lengthy list of charges faced by LaLanne.

Why did these two UPEI students commit the armed robbery? This is the perplexing part of the whole armed robbery. To date, no one has properly addressed this question. The students of UPEI, the residents of Charlottetown, and the people of PEI await the testimony of LaLanne and Sutton in Provincial Court to gain some insight into their motives. People were shocked to learn that PEI is a place where big city crimes can happen.

Robbery

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thing like the holdup? "I had no idea, never had any thought about it." Did he know about LaLanne's weapons? "No, especially when I'm right above him. That was unreal, I couldn't believe that."

Many students in residence leave their room door open. LaLanne locked his at all times. His upstairs acquaintance said, "There's always a couple of people who are really shy. There's a couple that like to study a lot and they're never around. So I just figured he was the type of shy person. I never really thought anything about it."

Would this student increase security given the chance? "It would be nice 'cause I mean it's kind of scary to wake up in the morning and realize that somebody above [sic.] you could... you know. ... He could go on a trip one of these times, come out shooting. I mean that could be a serious thing. I'm not used to something like this happening right in my backyard."

A support staff member at Bernardine Hall said, "I think they are sick kids. It's a sin." She addressed the weapons in LaLanne's room by saying, "It happens. Their [any student's] duffel bags and that are not searched on the way in. Like I said, I think the boy had a problem. It probably went unnoticed."

This staff member meets a lot of students. Talking about student feelings and the security in residence she said, "Some of them are kind of nervous, you know. Some think they [Sutton and LaLanne] should be severely punished. I think that they're sick. ... I think security is doing the best that they can here and a lot of the students feel that sometimes they're too strict here. Maybe this'll make them realize why the security is as strict as it is."

A resident of Blanchard Hall was asked her opinion of room searches. She said, "I think that's an invasion of privacy. I disagree with room to room searches, but how else can they increase security? They should have reasonable cause to search rooms. Security should watch people more carefully with fire alarms... it's getting better now." Before she knew that UPEI students were involved in the holdup, "I got scared that they [the robbers] got so close to the residence."

The idea of room searches doesn't sit well with many students. One said, "I agree with them, but they have to tell me before they do it." Many students disagreed outright with the idea of someone searching the residence rooms for weapons etc. "What do they think a daily room to room search would accomplish? People can get around security at the residences now, so people could also get around a room search."

"It's too impractical to search all the rooms. You can't restrict the privacy of a whole group of people because one person had weapons in his room."

Student union president Dean MacMillan was concise when he said, "Personally I feel that we have a really good security department."

Mike Read, the residence manager, says the rooms are never searched, "Custodians clean the rooms during

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Music Society

Hey, how's life? Things are rolling along here at the Music Society. We've just returned from our trip to C.P. Allen High School in Bedford, N.S., and were pleased to announce that it was a success.

On Thursday, we arrived and were welcomed by director, Ron Murphy, and some enthusiastic students. We rehearsed with them and were very impressed with the program there.

Friday, we held panel discussions and performed during

classes, and in the evening held a recital with performances from both groups.

Saturday morning was taken with Master Classes being taught by UPEI students. Weather played havok with driving so we were storm-stayed in Halifax that evening. (Fun Times!)

On Sunday, we returned home.

Congratulations and thanks to all who made the trip a success. Special thanks to Kevin

Ritter and Andrea Ledwell for organizing, Alan Reesor, Music Chairman (Dr. of Style), UPEI Administration, UPEI Biology Dept., and the list goes on...

Next on the list is our Second Annual Play-a-Thon. Preparations are beginning and all input is welcome. Have a great week.

P.S. The trumpet/clarinet recital has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 29, 1989, bye for now.

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