

Life behind closed bars is brutal

Roger Caron is Go-Boy! "Go-Boy!" the inmates chant it to encourage jail breakers. Roger Caron has tried thirteen times to escape from Canadian prisons; six times he's succeeded. Caron spent twenty-four years in prison, half of that time in solitary confinement. The newspapers dubbed him "Mad Dog Caron" and no warden, from Stoney Mountain in Manitoba to Dorchester in New Brunswick, wanted Roger Caron in his prison, but Caron did time in every one.

In prison he became schooled in the ways of the underground. When he was released he was confused and angry, and turned his attention

towards "making unlawful withdrawals from banks." He believed he could count on his boldness and swiftness to get away with his crime, but he was arrested and returned to prison. He escaped time and again, only to be captured and returned to captivity.

Roger Caron knows about Canada's penal system, and he knows about crime. He talks, without self pity, about why crime was his vocation, and how a prison system, savage in its brutality, reinforced his pursuit of crime. Beatings, torture, snakes in the cells, rats and untamed cats from sewers, sadistic guards, and the inmates' own code of justice, Caron tells it all.

But his story is not just about crime and punishment. Roger Caron talks, too, about his mental and emotional odyssey towards rehabilitation, an odyssey that replaced crime with writing as his career.

Caron was introduced to Canada's penal system in 1954. He was 16, and had only grade six education. But eighteen months, and his first escape later, Caron says, he "...graduated to the Big House (in Kingston) with honours and a body torn from encounters with barbed wire and the lash."

Canada's penal system has undergone major reform since Caron first served time at the Guelph Reformatory, but officially sanctioned beatings and torture continue. Caron remembers in frightening detail, the Limbo Room at Guelph. He talks about being tortured by sadistic guards, while in solitary, then when he retaliated, being beaten, teargassed, and entombed,

naked, in the dead of winter, in the Chinese Cell. Caron's description of internment at Penatankishene maximum security psychiatric hospital makes "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" sound like a

tea party. If you have ever doubted Canada's penal system was savage and medieval, Roger Caron will open your eyes. His account of the battle for his sanity with a sadistic guard in Kingston's solitary confinement will chill your blood.

Convinced of the power of the written word, Caron turned



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to writing. Eight years later he has an 1800 page manuscript for his first book. The compulsion to tell his story became, to Caron, as compelling as the act of breathing.

Roger Caron's autobiography, *Go-Boy!* was published in 1978, won the Governor General's Award for Non Fiction, and became a best seller. Production is now

underway to make *Go-Boy* a major motion picture, and a television mini-series is being planned. Caron is now working on a new book about his experience in the 1971 Kingston

prison riot.

"I came from a very scary, unreal world. Every conceivable thing that could happen to an inmate has happened to me," says Roger Caron. "It's a jungle there."

Let Roger Caron take you down into the jungle and back again.

Don't miss this incredible guest speaker. The SRC is pleased to announce that Roger Caron will be our guest at UNB next Thursday for a presentation.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 14
Place: MacLaggan, Rm. 105
Admission: \$1
Time: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Candidates take note

Candidates for ALL positions in the upcoming SRC elections are required to submit write-ups of their platforms for publication of a special edition of the *Brunswickan* on the day before election day. Photographs of candidates will be published where space permits. If you do not have the pictures for your election posters taken at the *Brun* you should submit pictures by Tuesday, October 12 at noon.

Tuesday at noon will also be the deadline for the write-ups. These must be typed and double-spaced and no more than two pages in length. Longer submissions will be cut short.

For candidates on the SRC, we suggest the following questions: What do you perceive as the major problems facing the SRC at present, and what would you attempt to do about them if elected? What student issues are the most important to you and why? If elected, what action would you propose the SRC take? What makes YOU the MOST qualified candidate for the position?

For candidates for senate and BOG positions, we suggest the following questions: What changes in the university would you like to see, if any? How would you propose to open up the administration of the university to students? Why do you think you are the best candidate for the job?

For candidates for graduating class positions, the following are guidelines: Over the past few years, what have you accomplished that would make you the most fit to represent your graduating year for the rest of your life? What plans and proposals for the graduating class do you have? Why do you think you are the best candidate for the position?

All submissions MUST be in by the deadline, failure to be on time will mean candidates opposing you who do have their submission in, will have an advantage of free publicity while you do not. Submissions should be written in first person and must not be just point-form answers to the questions. The questions are only guidelines - say what you will, but do not be slanderous and do not attack other candidates. Submissions must be left in the news editor's box in room 35, SUB.

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Food for all

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On October 15, 1982, Lady Dunn/Tibbits Cafeteria will host a typical Third World Country Meal consisting of fish, rice, potato and water.

This will be the only food served for lunch.

We invite all UNB students to participate in these meals, via their meal card, or casual cash prices.

Beaver Foods Ltd. will donate \$1.00 on behalf of each participating student to a university designated Third World Food Organization.

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