

CHSR holds fund drive Simon book to be released

Brunswickan News

CHSR FM is once again asking listeners to dial and donate to help maintain volunteer based radio in Fredericton. Beginning Friday the campus/community radio station will hold its seventh annual funding drive. "FUNDrive '95" will run for ten days - from February 17th to the 26th.

Community fund-raising has become a very important source of revenue for CHSR FM and stations like it across the country. Under the terms of the station's license advertising revenue is limited and the station has been encouraged by the CRTC to diversify its funding base.

CHSR FM is a non-profit organization. Annual operating costs are covered by grants from the UNB and St. Thomas Student Unions, advertising revenue, and public fundraising efforts. The station has an annual budget of just over \$100,000, a fraction of what it costs to run most radio stations. CHSR FM operates primarily through the volunteer efforts of more than 150 student and community members. CHSR FM broadcasts over 150 hours a week of diverse music and information which complements the service offered by local commercial

radio stations and the CBC. Most of the programming is produced by local volunteers.

"Our programming is so eclectic that we really do offer something for just about everyone" says Program Director Tristis Bhaird, "including music programming from jazz and classical to reggae and hardcore, multicultural programming in six different languages, and information and issues programming from many perspectives. It's a real community effort."

CHSR FM is also using FUNDrive '94 to raise its profile - both on campus and in the community. There are plans for concerts, live broadcasts, and other special events.

"It's important that our listeners show support for the station," indicates Jeff Whipple, Station Manager. "With shrinking budgets the station needs both the financial and moral support of listeners to continue to provide something different on the radio."

Friends of the station will also receive gifts depending on the amount pledged. The "little room of Big Prizes!" is full of T-shirts, cassettes, CD's, coffee mugs, gift certificates and lot of other prizes for those who show their support.

by Wanda Baxter Brunswickan News

Lorne Simon died in a car accident last October on the very day his manuscript of *Stones & Switches* was in the mail to him for approval, and next weekend the book will be launched in Fredericton.

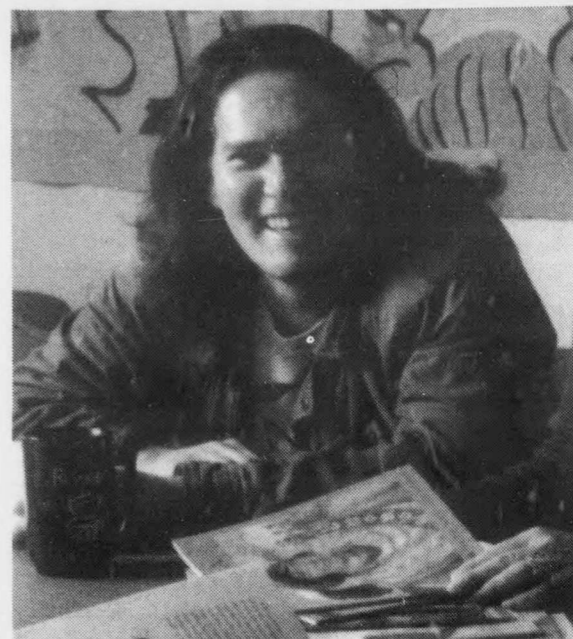
The book, which "takes the reader into the world of the Micmac during the depression era," will be launched next weekend.

Linda Doige is the Bridging Year Co-ordinator, and was one of Simon's teachers.

"He was someone who looked right through, into things," Doige said.

"Lorne came into my fiction class and, after reading his writing, I told him to give me three major submissions over the year and not to attend the class. I told him to take the time to write. I had a dream that he would be the first aboriginal to be Writer-In-Residence at UNB."

Simon graduated from the En'owkin International School of



Lorne Simon

Writing in British Columbia in 1992, and was working towards his Bachelor of Education at UNB at the time of his death. *Stones & Switches* is his debut and is the first novel to be published by a graduate of his alma mater.

The book launch will be held by the UNB English department on February 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Tilley Hall, Room 28, and at Big Cove First Nation as well as the Westminster Book Store on February 25.

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