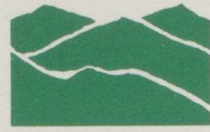


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Many Christians believe that Easter is the greatest festival of the year.

It is the holy day when Jesus came back to life, after his death on the cross.

In the year 325 A.D., it was decided that Easter would be celebrated on the first full moon after the spring equinox. Why then? The idea was that pilgrims could travel late by the light of the moon to reach the Easter festivals.

In the northern hemisphere, Easter comes in the spring. Flowers and plants that have been buried under the snow begin to come back to life. Not only the plants are being reborn; young animals are being born and eggs are hatching.

And so Easter--a religious festival celebrating Jesus' rebirth--also comes at a time of new life and rebirth in nature.

## CELEBRATE EASTER

APRIL 9 - APRIL 12, 1993

Easter and Passover are closely linked. Passover was celebrated just after the spring equinox for hundreds of years

before the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Last Supper, which the Bible says Jesus attended the night before he was crucified, may have been a *Seder* meal, celebrating the Passover festival.

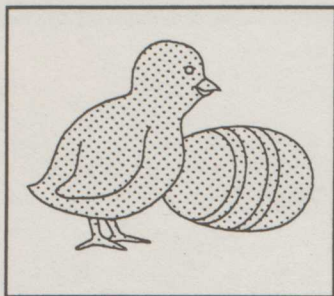
The early festival of *Chag ha Pesach* gave its name to Passover (in Hebrew it is *Pesach*) and to many of the later Christian Easter festivals. In Spain, Easter is called *Pascua de Florida*, in France *Paques*, in Italy *Pasqua*, in Scandinavia *Pask*.

Why do we use such a different word in English? The word Easter comes from the name of a Saxon goddess of the dawn, who was worshipped each spring. In Old English she was called *Eastre* or *Eostre*.





## EASTER EGGS



One of the best known of all Easter symbols is the egg. New life hatches from eggs, and so they have symbolized life and

regeneration for many people. Centuries before the first Easter, the people of China, Greece, Persia and Egypt gave eggs to celebrate the annual revival of nature.

The early Christians saw eggs as emblems of Jesus' birth and adopted them as gifts for Easter. Down through the centuries eggs have been brought to church to be blessed before they are given or eaten, and many Christians in Canada, such as members of the Eastern Orthodox churches, still practise this custom.

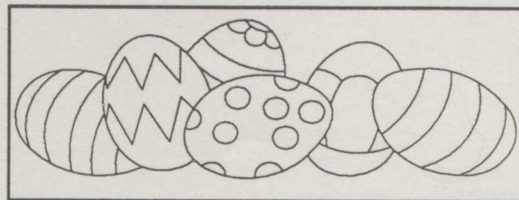
## EGG GAMES

In Port McNeill, B.C., the whole community gets involved in a giant Easter egg hunt. But hunting for eggs isn't the only Easter game. Have you every tried egg-tapping?

The object is to see whose egg is stronger as you tap the end of your egg against the end of a friend's. The all-time record is held by an egg that cracked 16 others before it too broke. Can you "tap" that? Serbian and Romanian children get their tapping eggs from the priest in their churches, after he has blessed them.

## UKRAINIAN EGGS

Ukrainian *pysanky* are probably the most elaborately designed Easter eggs of all. They are tokens of love and respect and of a wish for health and happiness. At Easter, a *pysanka* blesses every Ukrainian home, bringing God's grace into the family.



The colours and the designs of *pysanky* are all symbolic. Yellow, for example, is the symbol of light and purity. A star signifies God's love, and a straight line encircling the egg stands for the continuous thread of life.

When Polish people make their *pysanky*, they believe the very first egg should be decorated with a plough design, because all farmwork begins with ploughing in the spring. The only words ever written on *pysanky* are "*Khrystos voskres*," which means "*Christ is risen*."

There is an old Ukrainian legend that claims the fate of the world depends on continuing the custom of making *pysanky*: otherwise a chained monster will be released who will devour us all! Certainly in Canada, the custom is very much alive.

At the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, in Saskatoon, you can learn even more about this old, still living art. There are also Ukrainian museums in Winnipeg, Toronto and other cities.



# Brown Bag Lunches

## **Wednesday, April 21 — Hints, Tips and Other Ideas**

Have you ever been in an embarrassing situation where you had to use AV equipment in the classroom and weren't sure what you were doing? If so, this workshop is for you! Learn all kinds of hints on how to work with audio-visual equipment such as 16mm. projectors, slide projectors, tape recorders, ringmasters, etc.

Bring your lunch. Please phone Malcolm at 8365 to reserve your seat. Space is limited. (12:00 - 1:00 p.m.) IMS studio.

## **Thursday, April 22 — The Chilly Climate**

University of Western Ontario, 1991. Using interviews with female faculty, administrators, students, and staff, the video explores the day to day climate of discrimination and/or sexual harassment experienced by women working and studying in Canadian Colleges and Universities. Discussion following the video facilitated by Jean Cockell

Room 107 — Bring your lunch. (12:05 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.)

## **Watch for other brown bag lunches to be announced soon.**

Future topics include the following:

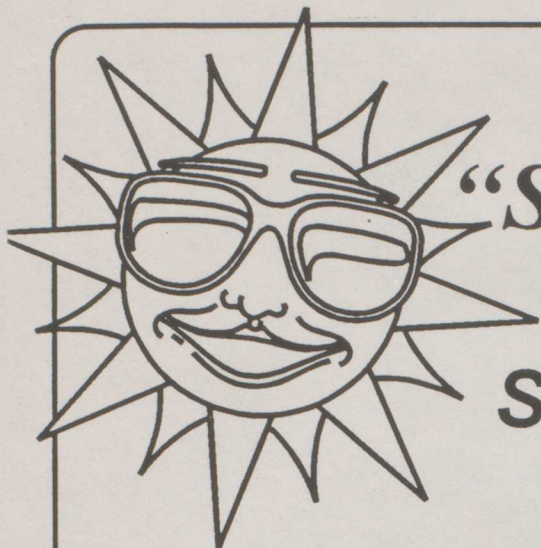
"Using CD Rom and Interactive Video in your Classroom"

Karl Gregg will give a presentation on his two months in India.

Please give us your ideas about topics you would like to see offered. If you have something you would like to present, please let us know.

Phone your ideas to 443-8427.





**Come celebrate**  
***"Springtime In Victoria"***  
**with Int'l Education**  
**Saturday, April 24, 1993!**

New and continuing International & non-International students, your friends, homestay family, relatives, staff or teachers are welcome to join this trip to celebrate spring in our beautiful capital. Victoria, the first place that spring arrives in Canada and host to the 1994 Commonwealth Games!

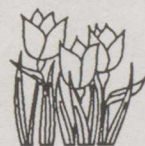


The day includes:

- ◆ A scenic & spectacular ferry ride to Victoria through the jewel-like Gulf Islands!
- ◆ A tour of one of the country's most beautiful gardens, Butchart Gardens, a riot of spring colours, flowering trees & springtime blooms!
- ◆ A sightseeing tour of Victoria by bus!
- ◆ A visit to the Royal British Columbia Museum!
- ◆ Free time to explore, have tea & shop in this bit of Canada that is more British than Britain!

Cost\*

Adults 18yrs+	\$47.00
17 yrs. - 12 yrs.	\$42.00
11 yrs. - 5 yrs.	\$32.00
4 yrs. & Under	
Free if on your Knee	



*\*Cost includes, bus, ferry, entrance fees to Butchart Gardens & Museum!*

Bring your own lunch or snacks so that you have time to enjoy walking around Butchart Gardens!

The chartered bus leaves the KEC parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m.

Please pay the cashier (4th floor, KEC) by April 13/93  
Sorry no refunds after April 13, 1993



**Hurry! Book now!**

**Space is limited!**



**JOB OPENING  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN B.C.**

**International Studies Administrator:**

The University is seeking a highly-motivated individual to participate in the development and administration of its International Studies Program. This individual will have primary responsibility for overseeing the University's faculty and student exchange programs, as well as its international co-operative education and community outreach efforts. The International Studies Administrator reports to the Director of International Studies.

The successful candidate will have significant international experience (study or work abroad preferred), excellent written and oral communication skills, knowledge of a foreign language(s) (Slavic, Nordic, Asian preferred), program development skills, and community outreach experience. Knowledge of northern British Columbia and experience in post-secondary educational institutions is preferred. An undergraduate or advanced degree in a relevant field of study is required.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to the principle of equity in employment.

Salary is open depending on qualifications and experience. Applications in writing should be post-marked on or before April 16, 1993 and directed to the address below. The position will begin May 15, 1993.

Applications should be directed to:

Director of Human Resources  
University of Northern British Columbia  
P.O. Bag 1950, Station "A"  
Prince George, BC V2L 5P2

**TEMPORARY TEACHING POSITION  
(NON-SALARIED), FACULTY OF  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ST.  
JOHN'S COLLEGE, BANGKOK,  
THAILAND**

The assignment is teaching in one of four areas: Accounting; Marketing; Management; or Business Computing at St. John's College in Ladprao, Bangkok from September, 1993 to May, 1994.

Minimum qualifications are a Bachelor's Degree in one of the subject areas and post-secondary teaching experience.

Although St. John's College can provide a rent-free condominium close to the campus, they cannot provide a salary. To subsidize travel and living expenses, a special offering of the B.C. Asia-Pacific Award for scholars will be available. Applicants must be full-time employees of a B.C. post-secondary institution and meet the eligibility criteria of the B.C. Asia-Pacific Awards program. Further information on this position and application forms for the award can be obtained from the VCC I.E. office, Cecily May (871-7178).

Closing Date is **May 31, 1993.**



# OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES

CUSO receives ongoing requests from various countries for qualified **Community Development Workers and Educators.**

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Principal's Office

CUSO offers a chance of a lifetime. Two years' living in another culture and an opportunity to work with others striving to improve their lives. The work is challenging, but personally rewarding.

- **Mozambique** - Environmental Coordinator with a teaching certificate to train government workers.
- **Tanzania** - Couple with backgrounds in Social Science and Business Administration. Experience with women's groups and small business is essential.
- **Tanzania** - Couple with backgrounds in Community Development and Land Use Planning. These positions require a minimum of two years' relevant experience.
- **Jamaica** - Fundraiser with knowledge of office systems, data recording, and financial procedures.
- **Jamaica** - Documentalist with Degree or Diploma in Librarianship.
- **Jamaica** - Labour Education Coordinator with a minimum of 2 years' relevant experience.
- **Jamaica** - Administrator with experience in ISIS computer cataloguing systems.
- **Togo** - University Lecturer with a Doctorate in Management.
- **Togo** - Development Counsellors with a degree in community development and/or a minimum of 2 years' working with non-governmental organizations.
- **Zambia** - Women's Development Facilitator with qualifications in community development or adult education and experience with group process.
- **Nicaragua** - Violence Against Women Counsellor with qualifications in social science/social work and relevant experience.
- **Gambia** - Women in Development Advisor with qualifications in education and experience working with women's groups.
- **Peru** - Social Workers with a degree and teaching and/or research experience.
- **Mozambique** - Adult Health Educator with qualifications in adult education and with experience in community development/participatory learning.
- **Nigeria** - Health Educators with qualifications in health and/or education and with community health experience.

Salaries are modest but cover overseas living costs. To apply, send your resume, outlining your qualifications to: CUSO FE-17, 135 Rideau St, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 9K7.





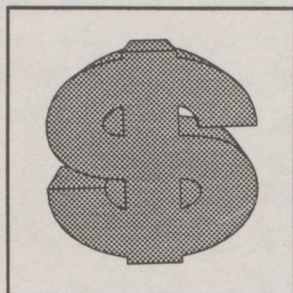
## LIBRARY NEWS

Have you started preparing your '92 Income Tax?

Available in the library, for

**ONE DAY ONLY**

is *'Jacks on Tax Savings'* by Evelyn Jacks [1993].



## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION NEWS!

Current number of students for January 1993 term: 397

Top 5 Countries in the January 1993 Term  
Numbers of students by nationality and program are:

COUNTRY	ESL	HSC	UT	TOTAL	%
Hong Kong	14	36	80	130	33%
Taiwan	70	6	21	97	24%
Japan	51	3	27	81	20%
Singapore	-	3	19	22	6%
Korea	7	1	3	11	3%
Other	15	10	31	56	14%
Total	157	59	181	397	100%

Please welcome the 62 new international students arriving for the May 1993 term (reporting April 1).

New Students Arriving for the May 1993 Term  
Top 5 Countries

COUNTRY	ESL	HSC	UT	TOTAL	%
Taiwan	25	1	-	26	42%
Japan	20	1	-	21	34%
Hong Kong	3	5	2	10	16%
Indonesia	-	-	2	2	3%
Philippines	1	-	-	1	2%
Other	1	-	1	2	3%
Total	50	7	5	62	100%

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Our bi-annual alumni newsletter is almost ready for the printers! However, there is space left.

If you have an event, or are planning a reunion and would like to get the word out to over 9000 alumni, please contact the Alumni office at local 7147.

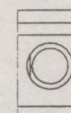
**Katja Pantzar**

## CLASSIFIED

**Dog House**  
no leak, shingled roof.  
Very well-built. \$50



**Speedqueen Dryer. \$150**



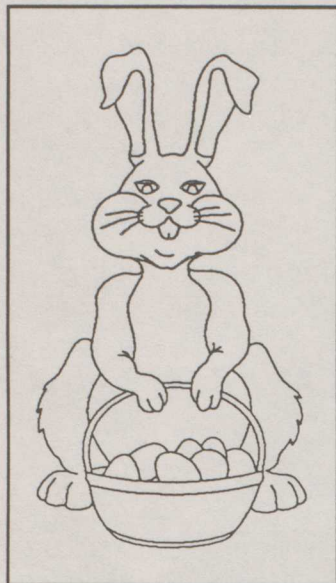
**110 Volt Stove. \$40**



**Call Michele (Local 7175)**



## EASTER RABBITS



In Canada today, Easter eggs are said to be delivered by the Easter Bunny. But in other parts of the world, they are brought by doves, cranes, even foxes.

In France, children think that all the church bells fly away to Italy

on Good Friday and bring the eggs back with them on Easter morning.

Perhaps this idea came about because church bells in France are silent until Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning.

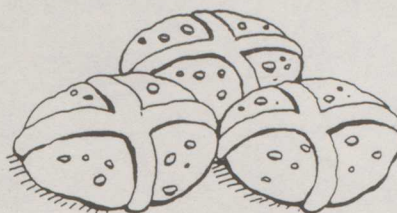
Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from?

The goddess *Eostre* had a hare (a rabbit cousin) as her sacred animal. Both rabbits and hares produce large litters of babies and often have several in one season, so they have always been associated with fertility.

This is why they were connected to the early spring festivals and later to Easter.

## EASTER TREATS

Breads and buns play an important part in Easter customs. The best known are probably the many variations of sweet egg breads, in lots of different shapes, often simply called *babka*.



Hungarians make a giant double braid. Croatians twist their Easter loaves to look like babies in swaddling clothes. The Ukrainian *paska* is decorated with a cross and/or a braided circle. Italian loaves are shaped like a dove, the symbol of peace, and called *colomba pasquale*.

Pudding and cakes are also popular Easter foods. The Portuguese make a luxurious rice pudding, called *arroz-doce*, for an Easter treat, and the Finns make *mammi*, an orange-flavoured pudding with malt and flour.

The Poles make cheesecake. The Romanians make a sweet cottage cheese and candied fruit dessert called *pasca* to eat along with their fancy bread. One Russian tradition is to shape this sweetened cottage cheese into a tall pyramid or a tower. They use special wooden forms, bought through their church, to drain the cheese and mould it.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE STORIES ABOUT THIS FESTIVE SEASON,  
PLEASE CONTACT KARIN GIRON AT 8319**

**HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!!!**