

# News for the Stalled

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Join us in the Heydel Fine Arts Center on March 22 at 12:30 as Dr. Claire King from Vanderbilt University will present a talk on gender and popular culture and this idea was prevalent in *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*.



**SPRING  
 BREAK HOURS**

**Sunday, March 6:  
 Closed**

**Monday, March 7-  
 Friday, March 11:  
 8 AM- 4:30 PM**

**Sunday, March 13:  
 2-10 PM**

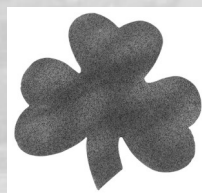
**Have a great Spring  
 Break!**

## THE STORY OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 and is usually thought of the day when people wear green or risk being pinched. But what is the story behind Saint Patrick's Day?

According to the Britannica Online Academic Edition, Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, kidnapped at age 16, and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned around the year 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him- for example,

that he used the shamrock to explain the Christian concept of the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate this day



with religious services and feasts.

The holiday became more secular as Irish emigrants transformed the holiday into a celebration of all things Irish. Blue was the color traditionally associated with Saint Patrick's Day, but green began to be more associated with the holiday

around the 17th century and has remained that way since.

The tradition of pinching people who don't wear green started in the United States in the early 1700s because of the idea that wearing green makes people invisible to leprechauns, who would pinch anyone they could see. People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would pinch them too. So on March 17, be sure to wear your green...or beware of leprechauns!

Sources:

Britannica Online Academic Edition

Csmonitor.com

## ATTENTION FRESHMEN!

Starting March 2, the library will be participating in Project Sails, a multiple choice survey which will measure information literacy skills of current freshmen. The survey will take about 30 minutes and all

participants will be entered into a drawing to win a 16 GB iPod Nano, Starbucks coupons, or a Wal-Mart gift card! Results from this assessment will allow us to improve our information literacy pro-

gram, so we hope that all of the current freshmen will participate. Project Sails will run through April 25, and all freshmen will be sent more details via their student email.