Christmas Decorating Tradition Carries On

MICHAEL BRADLEY '14

After years of propositions from students, faculty, and staff, Chestnut Hill College has officially gone fully green by beginning a recycling initiative.

On Oct. 30, College President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D, unveiled the plan at an event held on the school’s Pi-azzza.

The plan was initiated by the Sustainability Task Force, headed by Mary Elizabeth Clark, SSJ, director of the Earth Center. The group, which is composed of faculty and students, held meetings with one goal in mind— to present a plan to the College’s administration outlining a complete recycling plan. The plan was accepted by administration at the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester.

“The best way for us to launch our new recycling plan is through a grand opening of the new bins,” said Mary Kate Whelan, ’13, president of the College’s environmental club and student-member of the Sustainability Task Force.

The large green and blue bins are placed throughout each building on campus, and have signs on them describing what specific recyclables should be placed in which bin. These bins cannot have just anything thrown into them.

In the past, recyclables and trash were all combined and picked up by one trash company. The company would then burn the trash and remove any lingering metals and recycle them.

Due to this nontraditional method of recycling, students were allowed to combine trash and recyclables and did not have a heightened awareness of where they were disposing of their specific items.

Now, due to the efforts of the Force and the College community, students can be more wary of what and where they should be recycling.

“The school must recognize that these bins are not just for their trash,” Whelan said. “Most people just aren’t aware of what can and cannot be recycled.”

The general rule of thumb for what items can be recycled include any clean paper or plastic product. Anything that has been tarnished with food or drink must be well-rinsed before it is deposited into the recycling bin.

“Old tests and papers can be recycled in the bins, and so can water bottles from the Griffins’ Den,” Whelan said.

Students will begin to see signage around campus teaching the benefits of recycling and encouraging our campus to take the initiative.

“We are working toward a way to teach the school our new initiatives while helping the environment too,” Whelan said.

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Above, sophomores pose during a chilly Christmas Decorating Night while decorating the Piazza and the exterior of Fournier Hall. Middle, juniors decorated the Rotunda, cheerily tieing bows and stringing lights. Below, seniors are pictured inside Fournier Hall decorating the Main corridor. Seniors won honors for the theme “A Hogwarts Christmas.”
All Our Students Want for Christmas is...  

PAGE DERR ’13: A dehydrator so I can make beef jerky.  
WESTLY MANDOSKE ’13: I just want to watch *The Curse of the Golden Flower*, starring CHOW Yun-Fat, with my nihilist roommate. Also, I would like to gain some better time-management skills.  
JAMES GRAZIANO, ’16: Watermelon socks...because I like watermelon and I like keeping my feet and mid-calf warm.  
RACHEL Biro, ’16: I really need Uggs because my feet get cold easily.  
MARY FRANCES CAVALLARO ’13: A record player, a quill, and stationary supplies to write my next book with.  
KATE SNYDER ’13: I want to spend the holiday with my family and relatives and maybe a new pair of cowboy boots.  
KARLAANE KLOUDA ’14: I would like a new guitar.  

ANDREA WENTZELL ’15: I would really like a new camera or a MacBook Pro.  
SHANNON MCFAADDEN, ’14: A miniature Bulldog puppy with a pink sweater.  
CIARA HANBURY, ’16: A new car—that’s all I ever ask for, every single Christmas.  
MICHAEHL BRADLEY ’14: I want a Bose Wave, and a doberman puppy.  
COREY NIXON ’14: For Christmas I hope Santa brings me a new phone, My Blackberry is getting way too old!  

Can Disney Make Star Wars Sequel?  

CHRIS SHRIVER ’15  
A long time ago in a college dorm far, far away, a young college student named George Lucas completed one of his many great scripts. *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope* was destined to be one of the greatest films of all time, and the first of one of film’s greatest trilogies to date. Fast-forward about 40 years or so and Star Wars is still a huge success, even after a series of horrible prequels plagued with terrible acting and that wretched Jar-Jar Binks thing.  

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2012 will be a day that lives in infamy for anyone who has considered practicing Jedi as their primary religion. It marks the day that George Lucas sold his company, Lucas Ltd., to Disney for $4.05 billion. The even bigger news? They plan on making episodes VII, VIII, and IX.  

Since word got out, Star Wars fans have been speculating like never before across the Internet. However, what I’m here to give you are the facts: what do we know so far, what is still a secret, and can they possibly find a worse actor than Hayden Christensen?  

On Nov. 9, Disney announced Michael Arndt would be writing the script for the next film. Arndt is known for his work in films and games such as *Little Miss Sunshine*, *Toy Story 3*, and “Oblivion.” This is one reason I’m less worried about the changing affiliator from Lucas to Disney. Arndt was able to take *Toy Story* and not only do it justice but write a script that was arguably better than its predecessors.  

Our next confirmed position is the film’s producer—which will be Kathleen Kennedy. Many say that Kennedy’s success can be attributed to her eye for detail in each production she is involved in is what has brought her success. In case you’re still sitting there saying, “Who is this woman?” let me just name-drop for a minute here: E.T., *Poltergeist*, *Back to the Future*, *The Goonies*, *Jurassic Park*, *Schindler’s List*, *The Sixth Sense*, *Empire of the Sun*, *The Color Purple*, AND *Gremlins*. You’re right guys, these movies had a snowball’s chance in hell.  

So far, the news that has come out regarding the first film in the new trilogy seems to be good. Of course, there are rumors circulating around that the film will only focus on Leia, that Darth Vader is coming back from the dead, and that Harrison Ford and Billy Dee Williams will appear. However, we won’t know until more information is given.  

The next bit of news to talk about comes from George Lucas himself. He announced that the next film will be set around the Clone Wars and that even though they may purchase a property with a tremendous dedicated fanbase (Marvel), they can still do the source material a tremendous amount of justice. I just hope we don’t have another Phantom Menace.

From the Opinion Section  

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CAROL JEAN VALE, SSJ, PH.D., PRESIDENT: My wish this Christmas is for all of the world’s people “to live with an active inclusive love of every kind of dear neighbor without distinction.” Only this will guarantee the peace and justice we all desire.

KRISTA MURPHY, DEAN OF STUDENTS: A chocolate lab puppy, complete with big red bow, that I would name Brutus (after Brutus the Buckeye, the Ohio State mascot.)

NIKKI LOCKHART, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS: For my student-athlete letters to average a 3.0 or higher GPA for the Fall 2012 semester!

GEORGE DIEMER, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS AND FATHER OF TWO YOUNG CHILDREN: Sleep. Lots of sleep!

NICOLE SPANO ’15 Since Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast, we have been hearing more and more about the devastation it has caused for families and their homes. One particular story is that of St. Rose Elementary School and High School in Belmar, NJ.

Mindy Welding, IHM, MS, MA, director of campus ministry at Chestnut Hill College, recently received a letter, which has been circulating in the SSJ community, that details the damages to the school—the most significant being 800 pounds of dead fish on one floor. As of now, the school has been reopened and cleaned, though the school did have to work around the areas that are still uninhabitable.

Sister Beth, a friend of Sister Mindy, said her school in Far Rockaway is still without power, leaving them to rely on generators. Also, only about half of the students are back in school because many families had to move out of town. The SSJ community will continue to keep in touch with the St. Rose family for updates on conditions and will help them get the supplies they need.

The La Salle Museum is much smaller by comparison and requires a more nuanced review of the Artist’s work.

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**H.P. Mallory: How to “Quit Your Day Job”**

ANDREA WENTZELL ‘15

A New York Times and USA Today bestselling paranormal romance author, H.P. Mallory has come a long way since her first published e-book, _To Kill a Warlock_. The first in her popular _Bratva_Brothers series, _To Kill a Warlock_ firmly established her as an exciting new voice in the world of vibrant characters and settings. Mallory’s marketing and advertising skills were honed over many years prior to publishing; she began self-publishing in 2010 in an instant hit with readers, along with her _Jolie Wilkins_ series. They became top sellers at both Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

H.P. Mallory began her writing career not as a traditional author, but through the hard work and determination of the self-published. Taking what she knew from her day job, she applied it to the way she marketed and approached her books. In the end her approach led to selling over 200,000 e-books in one year, while working as a part-time author.

This success led Mallory to write a guide for self published authors, called _Quit Your Day Job_. In which she teaches the tricks that she actually used in her success as an author. She took the title to heart, and in early 2011 Mallory quit her marketing day job. From then on Mallory became a full-time author, and it shows, having published eight of her eleven books since then.

Her second series, the _Jolie Wilkins_ series, recently came to a close, with the final book _Something Wisty This Way Comes_, having been released in October. The _Jolie Wilkins_ series was a hit for H.P. Mallory, and her witches, warlocks, vampires, and werewolves, gained the attention of many book lovers. The success she experienced led her to signing with Random House Publishing in early 2011, for the writing of the last three Jolie books. According to her official site, a spin-off series is in the works, whether it is to be self-published or through Random House.

Also, the fifth book of the _Dulcie O’Neil_ series, _Malice in Wonderland_ was published recently at the end of November, continuing the journey of the beloved fairy, her loki, and some other suspicious paranormals. Mallory’s writing style and techniques of engaging her readership, through character contests as well as Facebook pages for most of her characters, led her to become a successful and much-loved author within the past two years.

She is currently working on the _Jolie Wilkins_ spin-off series and the sixth book to the _Dulcie O’Neil_ series. Also, her new _Lily Harper_ series, in which the first book, titled _Beetle off Dead_, will be debuting in late March 2013.

Check out more about H.P. Mallory at her website (hpmallory.com) or on her Facebook page (facebook.com/hpmallory).

**TWEETS OF THE MONTH**

@LOHANTHONY: shortest horror story of all time: no wifi

@College_Life: Honey Boo Boo’s mother has a boyfriend and you’re single... just let that sink in.

@TrendyProblems: What is everyone thinking in terms of nail polish choices for the end of the world? #trendyproblems

@hipstermermaid: I’m so thankful that celebrities are brave enough to come out in support of controversial issues like being against cancer.

Restaurant Offers Savory Sushi and Charming Chinese Cuisine

NICOLE CARNEY ’16

Just this year I left my home in Southern California and ventured to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for college. There are many times I feel homesick and in order to overcome it I do things that remind me of home. One of those things is eat, and when I say eat I mean, and in order to overcome it I always very crowded. You can know of this place and it is not necessary. Not many people reservations can be made, but are not necessary. Not many people know of this place and it is not always very crowded. You can sit at the bar or in one of the three different rolls, the Philadelphia Roll, California Roll, and Spicy Shrimp and Avocado Roll. Each were satisfying, but the overall favorite was the Spicy Shrimp and Avocado. It was a burst of flavor, with the deliciously prepared shrimp that was not too spicy, but produced just enough flavor that added to the fresh avocado.

The two main dishes we ordered were Sesame Chicken and Orange Chicken. Each were sufficiently delicious, but we were not prepared for the size of the order. Both dishes served on separate platters along with a large dish of rice and you were meant to serve yourself. The Sesame Chicken was large, juicy chunks of chicken that were fried in the restaurant’s own sweet sesame sauce. The Orange Chicken consisted of crispy chunks of chicken that had been cooked with dried oranges and glazed in a tangy, brown sauce. We were unable to finish our meals and had to take the leftovers home, but we did not mind.

The meal was enjoyable as well as the atmosphere of the restaurant. I have been unable to make it back to King’s Palace, but we have used their delivery service quite often to fulfill our sushi cravings during long periods of studying. It is quick and never fails to disappoint. I would give King’s Sushi a four out of five stars for a great meal and pleasant atmosphere.
Thoughtful Gifts that Give Back

AMANDA FINLAW ’15

Giving friends and family typical gifts like sweaters, chocolate, and gift cards year after year tends to grow tiresome. Why not do away with the routine and give your loved ones an alternative gift that can help those in need this holiday season?

A great way to brighten someone’s holiday is to give the gift of livestock through Heifer International. This organization offers charitable gifts ranging from a mere $10 to thousands, providing livestock to disadvantaged villagers around the world. By donating to the gift of a goat or chicken, villagers are provided the opportunity to utilize their livestock for profit while leaving the animals unharmed. On the Heifer website, you can make a donation to a specific appliance or to clean water which will then allow for the installment of stoves or irrigation pumps in small villages. Heifer also allows the impoverished a chance to earn income and promote self-sufficiency through teaching mothers and offering education opportunities to children. Who of your loved ones could contain their happiness after learning that they’ve received such a transformative gift? To buy a charitable gift or donate, visit www.heifer.org.

You can also get the chance to give to those who are in need while also giving your close family and friends. Just around the corner, Ten Thousand Villages sits on Germantown Avenue. This shop started as a grassroots campaign to sell handmade crafts in the United States that were produced in developing countries around the world. Their website, www.tenthousandvillages.com, says the company “has grown to a global network of social entrepreneurs working to empower and provide economic opportunities to artisans in developing countries.” Their store and website, offer affordable fair-trade gifts ranging from jewelry, home décor, and personal care products, to musical instruments, games, and prices. With all of these options, there is sure to be something for everyone this season.

Another interesting website is giftsthatgive.com. This company sells many ideal gifts, such as men’s wallets, women’s fragrances, and scented candles. Not to mention, $1 out of every $5 goes to a charity of the buyer’s choice. For example, if a picture frame is $25, $5 will be donated to whichever charity you choose. This is a great way to ensure that the money spent for someone you care about also goes to a place in need. To choose from their many gifts, visit www.giftsthatgive.com.

Despite how hectic the holiday season can be, it is important to remember who and what is important to us. What better way is there to show that you care, than giving your friends and family a gift that truly gives back?

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One of our favorite parts of Chestnut Hill College is tradition. Christmas Decorating is only one of them, but the most beautiful of them all.

Jess Veazey ’13
The Griffin

Sixers Vie for a Seed in the NBA Playoffs

BRANDON EDWARDS '14

With the 2012-2013 basketball season upon us, the new look of the Sixers is totally refreshing. The new players on the roster this year are really exciting and are contributing to the early success of the team. The Sixers are currently holding a record of 8-6, and it appears that they are on their way to securing a playoff spot within the Atlantic Division.

There are four new players that have this season’s Sixers looking like a very exciting team.

Let’s begin with the acquisition of Nick Young. He gives the Sixers that spark of scoring right off the bench, which has proven to be beneficial for the team. His contributions were very noticeable during a home game against the Raptors on Nov. 20. During that game Young secured a team high of 23 points, in addition to three rebounds, four assists and one block shot to get the win for his team.

Young is a very good addition to our team. Next, the securing of Jason Richardson also adds additional scoring power to the Sixers. Richardson is a dynamite three-point scorer and he’s the leading scorer coming off the bench for the Sixers’ team. Moreover, Richardson brings a great deal of NBA experience to a young team. He has been in the league since 2001 and has played for the Golden State Warriors, Charlotte Hornets, Phoenix Suns and Orlan- do Magic. His experience has so far proved to be a valuable asset to the Sixers team. Also another new face, Dorell Wright has proven to be a much-improved player giving the Sixers the added three-point specialist that the team really needed. It would appear that he’s peaking at the right time in his career. His intensity can only assist the Sixers with reaching the next level.

Last but not least Andrew Bynum, was introduced to the team as the missing piece of the puzzle. He’s a 7-foot pure center that they were lacking last year. He averaged 18.7 points and 11.8 rebounds last season with the Los Angeles Lakers. Unfortunately, Bynum has not yet played with this exciting young Sixers team and he’s currently out indefinitely due to an injury. Fans are all hoping and praying that Bynum gets well soon and brings the forces that we know he has to secure the Philadelphia fan base with a much-needed Championship. Let’s go Sixers!

RUMORS STIR ABOUT PHILLIES DRAFTS

MARILEE GALLAGHER '13

With Major League Baseball’s winter meetings just a few days away, Phillies General Manager Ruben Amaro Jr., is well aware of what he needs to do in order for the Phils to be competitive and possibly even contend for another World Series in 2013.

The first item and priority on his list is an offensive minded center fielder. “We just need to improve in the center field again,” Amaro told Jim Salisbury of CSNPhilly.com. “We had a solid centerfield situation in Shane Victorino for several years. We have to continue to try to shore that position up.”

According to MLB Trade Rumors, the Phillies have been rumored to have an interest in several of the top free agent center fielders including Michael Bourn, Angel Pagan and BJ Upton.

Amaro has remained quiet on if he is in fact pursuing any of these top tier players, but he has said time and again, that his focus is on improving the team in any way he can. “It’s just a matter of which guy stands out for us,” Amaro said in regards to the available center fielders, adding that it comes down to, “which one helps us put all the pieces together.”

The right-handed Upton has been the name that has come up the most when Amaro is asked about filling the void at center. It is believed by many that at 28 years old and with the potential of being a five-tool player, that Upton is the guy the Phillies should pursue. He hit 28 home runs last season and despite also recording 169 strikeouts, was able to produce 78 runs for the Tampa Bay Rays, something that is not overlooked by Amaro.

“To me it’s all about production,” Amaro told Salisbury. “As long as we have players that can do that and do that consistently, then I’m fine with the strikeouts.”

While landing a center fielder is the priority, Amaro also mentioned a base and pitching depth in the bullpen as other areas of need that he would like to address this offseason.

Despite landing Jonathan Papelbon last season as the top closer on the market, the Phillies were unable to make the playoffs. In fact, with so much money spent on Papelbon and the money already guaranteed to players like Chase Utley, Ryan Howard and Roy Halladay, the Phillies mainly received bullpen help from inside of the organization.

The 2013 season should provide a bit of a different story though as prior to the winter meetings, Amaro and the Phillies traded for the 29-year-old veteran reliever from the Houston Astros, Wilton Lopez.

While not of high profile standing such as Ryan Madson or Jonathan Broxton, Lopez has pitched well in his career, showing the ability to control his pitches.

The final item on Amaro’s list is to figure out who will be playing third base in 2013.

Depending on how the Phillies fare in signing the offensive outfield bats they are pursuing, Amaro has said that will depend on what direction the team goes in when looking for a third baseman. The free agent market is not particularly stacked, with veteran Kevin Youkilis being the only real value buy. That noted, according to Todd Zolecki of MLB.com, Amaro has not ruled out the possibility that “an option could come from within.”

That would leave former shortstop turned second baseman Placido Polanco as one option and last year’s interim third baseman Kevin Frandsen as another. The expectation is that if the Phillies fail to sign or trade for a third baseman, that Galvis or Howard would platoon at the position.

So far, the Phillies and Amaro have stayed relatively quiet this year but that should not be expected to last. In the past three years, (Halladay in 2010, Cliff Lee in 2011 and Papelbon in 2012), Amaro has signed a top notch free agent right around this time when his team has been able to “hot stove” begins to light and the frenzy to sign the top guys truly begins.

“There are always ebbs and flows in discussion and negotiations,” Amaro told Zolecki. “This isn’t any different than any other year.”

With several big names left on the radar and key line-up and positional needs to fill, it would not be surprising if Amaro already has something in the works or something lined up around the corner that will culminate at the annual winter meetings.
Nick Johnson ’15

For many seniors at CHC, this fall concluded their final year of college sports. Among those seniors is women’s soccer goalie Jessica Veazey, who went out with a bang to cap off her record-setting career at CHC.

Veazey has been a standout keeper for the Griffins lady soccer team since her freshman year. As a freshman, Veazey had .802 save percentage and ranked among the top five goalies in the CACC.

Veazey also went on to receive honorable mention in the CACC, was named rookie of the week on Oct. 12, 2009, and even recorded a goal.

Her sophomore year, she improved to second in shutouts with five and third in save percentage which rose to .874. In her junior season, Veazey suffered a shoulder injury yet still went on to start 16 of the 17 games the Lady Griffins played that year.

“I wish my shoulder injury didn’t happen my junior year,” Veazey said. “But I know I have become a stronger person from that experience and I have more faith in myself than before.”

She came back healthy for her senior season after being released from the hospital from shoulder surgery just a week before preseason. During that year she went on to set the Chestnut Hill College record for wins, saves and shutouts as well as leading the CACC in save percentage as a senior.

“She worked really hard these past four years and finishing up on such a positive note made it that much more rewarding,” said Veazey. She feels that she can not take full credit for her success and went on to say that she could not have done it all without her teammates and how that fact demonstrates how far the team has come along as well.

As far as her soccer career goes, Veazey is putting all that on hold for now but still believes that “Soccer will always be a part of my life in some way. I’m just not sure of what the next chapter of soccer is yet for me” she said.

New Women’s Lacrosse Captain Expects Promising Season

Nicole Carney ’16

The Chestnut Hill College women’s lacrosse team begins preparations for a brand new season this spring, having everyone around campus ready to catch the “Hill” fever. Filled with a crop of talented girls, the team this year is captained by one of the best, senior Erica Eaby.

Eaby, who only began playing lacrosse her freshman year at the college, has been a key component of the past CHC teams and looks to play an equally important role this season. During a pivotal game last year, she ended up scoring four goals and putting out a performance that she and her teammates could be proud of.

Four years ago when Erica decided to attend Chestnut Hill, she never thought she would find herself playing lacrosse. She attended Lancaster Catholic High School where she played field hockey and soccer, and also ran track and field.

Upon attending Chestnut Hill however, Eaby decided to play lacrosse a try.

“It had just become a D II sport when I was an incoming freshman and the team was looking for players, so I decided why not?” Eaby said. That decision has paid off. Three years later, Eaby has not only earned the spot as captain, but has become a leader in goals scored and assists playing midfield.

The team in the past has not always played to their potential, with a three and thirteen season last year, but according to Eaby, things are looking up for this season.

“The season is looking really promising due to our new head coach, Chelsea Roseik,” Eaby said. “She (Roseik) knows what she is doing and is really excited for our season to start.”

So far the team has had four scrimmages this fall, winning three of them and only one loss. They have been working hard at practice five times a week in order to prepare for their 16 games this upcoming season.

“There are currently 21 girls on this year’s team, Eaby being one of the six seniors, making this an important year for her. She has become a role model for the younger players and often inspires them to do their best. Lyndsay Gobolos, a freshman on the lacrosse team, really looks up to Eaby for they have a common bond. Gobolos never played lacrosse before attending Chestnut Hill and is working hard to learn the game as well as to become a skilled player.

“Erica is really helpful and encouraging,” Gobolos said. “If I ever have a question or just do not get something she is there to help. Erica is a great captain because she keeps us on task, but can make it fun at the same time.”

As a CHC Griffin, Eaby has not only put in work on the field, but in the classroom as well. She will be graduating from Chestnut Hill this spring with a major in English and Communications and a minor in Psychology.

Yet her best memories have to be the ones on the field. It is on that lacrosse field where Eaby has made some of her closest friends, made some amazing plays, and proved to everyone that if you put your mind to something you can be unstoppable. Eaby has made a name for herself, one that will be remembered even after she graduates.

According to Gobolos, “That girl is amazing and I hope one day I will be able to be just as good as her.”