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ture of Hannah—her face visibly darkened by abnormal hair growth, described by her father as “Bert and Ernie” eyebrows—taken in December.

At her first birthday party, Hannah became ill and was hospitalized, but she didn't make it.

“An intern ordered five times the amount of blood a baby should have been given,” Grady said. “It was a mistake in dosage calculations—an adult transfusion.”

Following Hannah's death, her parents consented to an autopsy for the sake of science. Someone has to document the lives of those who “take a bullet” for the rest of us, Grady said.

“Should a nosy reporter be there sticking a notebook in people's faces?” Grady said. There's “some appreciation that someone would be there,

recording their story for everyone to see.”

Not all the stories in her series, titled “Last Resort,” end in tragedy. Cancer-stricken Sister Mary Andrew Matesich—despite chemotherapy induced hair-loss, nerve damage and osteoporosis—is studying the effects of various dosages of chemotherapy on her own body, over an extended period of time.

According to Grady, her cherubic face hides a steely determination.

“As a scientist, it appealed to her,” Grady said. “She basically badgered her doctor into co-authoring a paper about chemo side-effects.”

The clinical trials also give others a new lease on life, such as Miles Coulson, a newborn who was kept alive while awaiting a heart transplant by the “Berlin Heart,” an artificial heart which hasn't been approved by the FDA.

Fifty-two-year-old Ric Ray, who suffered from a massive “phantom” heart attack bought



Photo by Al Vicedo

Reporter Denise Grady discussed different clinical options for those stricken with devastating medical conditions who are struggling to find ways to stay alive.

himself some more time by participating in a heart chamber reshaping procedure.

Grady, now 52 years old—who quipped that she had a “knack for landing on people exactly my age”—said that from her experience, the majority of doctors treat clinical trial participants as patients, not experiments.

“One trial that was rough on patients was a test of a

Hepatitis-C drug,” she said. “The company wouldn't give results over the six-month to one-year period. People left the trial because they didn't want to deal with the side-effects without knowing the results.”

Some have no other options, such as Hannah and Miles, but Grady cautioned those considering trials to “look carefully and study what you're going into.”

One dollar goes a long way at craft fair

By Jessica Decina

Last Saturday's downpour didn't keep students and visitors from attending Rider's Second Annual Craft Fair, which earned approximately \$4,858 to support cancer treatment.

The Association of Commuting Students along with Up Til Dawn, held the fair

in the Bart Luedeke Center's (BLC) Cavalla Room. Over 75 tables stretched across the area, filled with crafts such as handmade jewelry, purses, T-shirts, plants, and various pieces of artwork.

For a minimum fee of one dollar, anyone interested could purchase admittance to the fair. They also received a chance to win numerous door prizes, including gift certificates and

baskets. The entrance fee as well as all additional donations went directly to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, which specializes in researching and treating pediatric cancer at no cost to the families of the affected child.

“The decision to do this show for St. Jude was definitely the right one because at the show, I was standing there and a woman in a wheel chair pulled

up to The Up ‘Til Dawn table,” said Perry Whiteley, SGA vice president and fair coordinator. “She asked her son to pick out a St. Jude bracelet and we talked for a little bit and at the end, she asked me to lean over and she whispered into my ear that she was battling cancer herself. It is moments like that, and the times when crafters send

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Students, alumni impress employers at Career Fair

By Stephanie Mostaccio

Approximately 300 students and alumni prepared for the future as they attended the Career Fair on Thursday, March 31.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the students flocked to the Bart Luedeke Center's (BLC) Cavalla Room to speak with employers from over 90 companies. These companies represented a wide range of industries including social services, banking, government, finance, retail, communications and education.

“We try to get a mixture of employers each year that represent all of the majors offered at Rider,” said Claire Hamm, coordinator of the Career Fair.

Students and alumni who attended the fair had the opportunity to learn about what their planned career entails.

According to Joyce Tyler, the director of Career Services, many students attended the fair only to gather information about a specific career.

But students also had the opportunity to apply for internships, summer programs or full-

time employment positions. However, in order to do so, they needed to present a resumé to the employers.

The employers were looking for students who could meet the specific standards they had set.

“We are seeking students who have good experience, an initiative and who have had summer jobs and learned valuable tasks,” said Jennifer McKenna, a representative for Bright Horizons Family Solutions.

The New Jersey Department of the Treasury also had special criteria that students needed to meet.

Alexandra Serpico, a representative from the NJ Department of the Treasury, said the company was only looking to hire seniors for full-time positions. Students interested in this company are required to have a diploma by June 30, and a bachelor's degree in accounting.

According to Hamm, the employers were pleased with how the students presented themselves.

“The employers enjoyed



Photo by Allen Huang

Approximately 300 people attended last Thursday's Career Fair in the Cavalla Room from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

speaking with [the students] and were impressed with how [well they] were prepared for their careers,” she said.

The Career Fair benefits the students by teaching them how to write a resumé, how to interact with employers and informs them of the qualifications needed for a specific career. The fair could also result in possible internships, summer jobs or full-time employment.

Tyler believes the internships in particular will help the students “hit the ground running.”

“Internships give the stu-

dents experience and help them see how what they learned in the classroom is applied to the real world,” she said.

However, the employers also benefit from the Career Fair.

“We get students that are well-educated,” Serpico said. “Rider has the reputation of having those kinds of students.”

Overall, Hamm believes this Career Fair was a success.

“We got a lot of positive feedback from the employers and the students,” she said.

SECURITY BRIEFS

What's That Smell?

A gas leak occurred at the grassy area in-between Phi Kappa Tau and the General Services Building on Wednesday, March 30, at midnight. An odor of gas was reported to Security, who checked and noticed that the smell was coming from the outside, but could not identify the source. The Lawrence Township Police Department (LPD) and Facilities were contacted and arrived with the fire department. The fire department called PSE&G after determining that a gas line ran under the ground in that area. PSE&G engaged in ventilation procedures and by 1:45 a.m., the fire department declared the area posed no threats to residents.

Springtime Joy Ride

A vehicle was caught on security cameras towing male students on skateboards around the campus after it was reported to Security on Friday. As the car approached the General Services building, a suspect standing on the sideboard of the car saw Security and jumped in the rear door. The driver said he allowed the suspects to ride on the outside of the vehicle. Two suspects were charged with reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct. The matter has been referred to the Office of Community Standards.

Don't Punch, Just Spit

A female resident spit in the face of another female resident in Hill on Tuesday, March 29. Earlier in the day, the victim passed the suspect in the hallway, who said derogatory words to her. The victim ignored it and went to Daly's and returned to find an offensive word written on her dry-erase board. She went to talk to the suspect's friend to give her a message to leave her alone. The suspect overheard them and initiated a verbal dispute. She threatened physical harm and spit in her face. Three female witnesses verified the story. LPD services were offered and accepted. The matter has been referred to the Office of Community Standards and the suspect was charged with campus violations.

Security Reminder

Students are reminded to maintain a speed of 15 m.p.h. while on campus roads. Pedestrians are reminded to look both ways.