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Family Rides for Terminal Illness

Relatives of recent Santa Clara alumnus race to raise awareness

Eduardo Cuevas
ASSOCIATE REPORTER

In an attempt to find a cure for a rare neuromuscular disorder, the Rupel family will be competing in a 60-mile cycling event in honor of their son. Matt Rupel, now 23, graduated from Santa Clara in 2013.

The Rupels who reside in Santa Clara are all recessive carriers of Friedreich's ataxia, a genetically inherited disease that attacks the body's nervous system and muscles. Matt Rupel was diagnosed with the condition in the eighth grade.

The Rupel family plans to raise $10,000 as part of a 13-man team, which includes family friends. The event Ride Ataxia NorCal as a whole aims to raise $125,000 for research through donations from riders and outside spectators.

While Matt Rupel's father and sister, Bart and Katie, will be competing in the race, his mother, Brenda, will be following to assist the riders if problems arise. Both Bart and Brenda Rupel are Santa Clara alumni as well, having graduated in '85 and '86 respectively.

The Rupels frequently cycle in events across the country to fundraise for a cure for Friedreich's ataxia. As the event draws near, the family has been biking distances up to 60 miles in preparation for the race on May 31 in Davis, Calif.

Matt Rupel is currently participating in a drug trial to treat his disease, as there is currently no definitive cure for Friedreich's ataxia. Despite this fact, Rupel's father, Bart, believes that fundraisers like Ride Ataxia NorCal do make a difference for individuals with the condition.

"I'm pretty optimistic (that) within the next 10 years we will have a cure," Bart said.

Matt served as editor-in-chief of The Santa Clara from 2011 to 2013. He was recently hospitalized for respiratory problems while visiting family in El Paso, Texas, but was discharged on Tuesday. Although he will not participate, his father says Matt plans to attend for support.

Bart Rupel believes that the event is beneficial for both researchers and families affected by Friedreich's ataxia.

"It helps the community stay motivated to see what we can do, and it helps connect the researchers to the families," said Rupel. "Often times, companies involved in research (get to) see the families and see how determined we are."

Ride Ataxia NorCal is sponsored by the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance.

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Club Instills Hope for Youth

Disadvantaged families tour campus, seek new opportunities

Nicolas Sonnenburg
THE SANTA CLARA

Inadequate educational facilities, the threat of violence on the streets and a lack of mentors are all problems that plague adolescents who live in impoverished neighborhoods.

The possibility of attending a four-year university is often out of the question for these young people. Members of the Santa Clara community are trying to change this reality.

MECHA El Frente, the Multicultural Center's Latino and Latina club, has been active in reaching out to children who live in inner city San Jose and other impoverished areas.

Every November, the club hosts Raza Day in its efforts to connect with disadvantaged youths. MECHA invites hundreds of high school students from San Jose to Santa Clara. They have the chance to explore buildings, speak with Santa Clara students and gain insight into college life.

"One of our pillars is education," said Maya Gonzalez, a member of MECHA. "Part of that is reaching out to elementary, middle and high schools to show students not only that Santa Clara is a place that exists, but that they can actually get here."

Parents of visiting students have a chance to speak with university admissions officers and other parents who come from similar backgrounds.

"Most of their questions are about financial aid," said Gonzalez. "We just tell them our story and explain that Santa Clara is very generous. If you come from a low-income household, but have good grades in high school, it is possible to come here."

In addition to Raza Day, MECHA hosts five smaller campus tours throughout the year. On Friday, with the assistance of the club, the Ignatian Center's outreach program Thriving Neighbors will be welcoming approximately 100 young students and 25 parents from Washington Open Elementary School in Santa Clara.

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Alcohol Related Medical Emergency

5/17: Two female students were found intoxicated and unable to care for themselves outside of the Benson Memorial Center. SCPD and SCFD were contacted and responded. The students declined transportation to a hospital and were escorted back to their room.

Alcohol Violation

5/17: An undergraduate guest of a campus resident was reported intoxicated in Campisi Hall. He had been under the influence when questioned, and SCPD was notified. He gave CSS staff false information when questioned, and SCPD was contacted and responded.

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Drunk in Public

5/17: Two non-affiliate minors were reported intoxicated in The Bronco and causing a disturbance. They were escorted to the CSS office and stayed until a relative picked them up.

2. Two bombs blasted in Nigeria, at least 118 killed: Two car bombs exploded at a bus terminal and market in Nigeria’s central city of Jos on Tuesday. The bombings killed at least 118 people, wounded dozens and left bloodied bodies amid the flaming debris.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month.

In its campaign to impose Islamic law on Nigeria, the group has repeatedly targeted bus stations and other locations where large numbers of people gather.

The second blast came half an hour after the first. It killed some of the rescue workers who had rushed to the scene, which was obscured by billows of black smoke.

“It’s horrifying, terrible,” said Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation, a Christian charity based in Jos, who described the sickening smell of burning human flesh.

3. Thailand

1. Day two of martial law in Thailand stirs confusion: Thailand began its second day under martial law yesterday.

Residents tried to make sense of this dramatic turn of events after six months of anti-government protests and political turmoil.

The country’s powerful army chief invoked the military’s expanded powers. He also issued more than a dozen edicts, which included broad powers of censorship over the media and the Internet and vaguely defined threats to prosecute opponents.

A day after martial law was declared, several meetings were planned behind closed doors between senior government officials, opposition party leaders, the Election Commission and other parties.

Around Bangkok, there was little sign of any change. Most soldiers who had occupied key intersections around the capital had withdrawn.

People went about their work normally, students went to school and the traffic was snarled as it would be any other weekday in this bustling city.

From AP Reports.

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Vandalism

5/17: Residence Life staff reported receiving two sticky notes posted on their room door with derogatory remarks on them.

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University Collaborates to Train Educators

Partnership furthers education for Hispanic community

Sophie Mattson
THE SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara will be establishing a satellite campus following the imminent closure of the National Hispanic University in East San Jose in order to continue the teacher preparation program.

The university seeks to create a credential institute that trains teachers to cater to the needs of Hispanic communities.

Santa Clara and the National Hispanic University Foundation, a nonprofit organization that has sponsored educational institutions for Hispanics, are collaborating to establish the Institute for Hispanic Educational Advancement.

Advancement. “We are interested in increasing the number of bilingual teachers,” said Edward Alvarez, president of the National Hispanic University Foundation. “There are 14,000 teachers in this community and only 10 percent of them are bilingual.”

Nicholas Ladany, dean of Santa Clara’s School of Education and Counseling Psychology, thinks it is necessary for Santa Clara to sponsor the Institute for Hispanic Educational Advancement. “It is because there is a substantial shortage in the number of educators able to teach in Hispanic communities and connect with Hispanic students. “There is a significant achievement gap, which hasn’t been filled,” said Alvarez. “What we need to do is train teachers to be better prepared to address all of the cultural, social and economic issues that exist among low-income Hispanic communities.”

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NHU is a postsecondary institution dedicated to educating the Hispanic community. It has been located in East San Jose since 2004, but after a lack of funding and a drop in student enrollment, the National Hispanic University Foundation ceased funding NHU in 2010.

The university became a for-profit institution after it was taken over by Laureate International Universities, a private network of post-secondary educational institutes, in the same year. Despite efforts to keep NHU up and running, it will officially close its doors in June 2015, and will immediately be replaced with the Institute for Hispanic Educational Advancement.

According to Alvarez, NHU has traditionally been noted for its teacher credential program.

The foundation reached out to Santa Clara in hopes of preserving NHU’s teacher credential program. Santa Clara’s desire to assist the Hispanic community aligned with the foundation’s goals of training teachers in better serving those groups of people.

Around 100 individuals are expected to enroll in the teacher credential program.

Two charter high schools will also be established in the same building as the credential institute, and will each accommodate 400 students.

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Former Professor Makes Donation

Sophie Mattson
THE SANTA CLARA

The Arts and Sciences Building was officially named Victor B. and Julia Botto Vari Hall after the former Santa Clara professor and his wife made an $8 million donation.

The new building’s name was unveiled during a ceremony on May 15. “It was to not only recognize and thank the Varis for a gift to name the building, but for an endowment that will be eventually created for the arts and humanities,” said Marie Brancati, director of external relations for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The endowment will be used to support projects related to the arts and humanities. This will include opportunities for research, faculty development and guest speakers. “The way the Varis are providing the money is very broad and it will be used to benefit and enrich the university community,” Brancati said.

Victor Vari originally began teaching Italian at Santa Clara in 1946. After 66 years of work, he retired in 2012 at the age of 92.

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Zachary Milikis

Controversial Year Leaves School Values in Question

We are truly blessed to have so many opportunities for community engagement that allow us to transcend the campus “bubble,” empowering us to become leaders in the Santa Clara community and beyond.

Nellie Bohac

Our Growing Fiscal Addiction

A recent student panel in Graham Commons discussed Sam Poll’s article “For the Love of Money” from The New York Times. Polk made $3.6 million in bonuses on Wall Street by age 30 when he realized that he was addicted to money. His exorbitant amount of wealth did not make him any happier, a disheartening fact that caused him to quit his job to go into nonprofit work.

Students discussed how many at Santa Clara get used to a certain lifestyle, going out to eat often and spending money on other comforts. Would we be able to give that up if we’re going to be fulfilling our careers, or are we sort of stuck needing a certain salary and a higher standard of living to be happy? Is this a problem a product of being at Santa Clara or is it a national or global culture?

Students noted the difficulty between choosing a job that makes you happy over one that pays more. How do you know when the scale tips between not making enough to be happy, even at a job that you love, and making more than enough money but not being fulfilled at work?

For the past several months, students have been asked, “What are you doing this summer?” or “What are your plans after graduation?”

We compare notes with friends and classmates on where they have applied, what jobs they have offered and, yes, how much they are being paid.

Perhaps it’s because we believe that a number can quantify our worth to an organization.

Or, perhaps some of us simply made it one of our goals to accumulate wealth and have not thought too much about why.

Ultimately, we look to get paid what we “deserve,” but how do we determine what we “deserve”?

Culture at Santa Clara might favor an uncritical view of wealth accumulation. What is clear, though, is that there needs to be an ongoing, open discussion among students about how we view money and how our desire for money is affecting our futures.

Nellie Bohac is a senior finance and political science double major.

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### Cross-Country

**Men's Rowing**

Santa Clara @ WCC Tournament* Sat. 5/24 TBA

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**UPCOMING GAMES**

**Women's Rowing**

The Santa Clara women's rowing team headed to Sacramento on Saturday to compete in the West Coast Conference Rowing Championships. In the last race of the season, the Broncos fielded two teams but both finished in seventh place.

After the results were tallied up, Santa Clara placed seventh overall. Several Broncos received recognition over the weekend, including Megan Al-ferness and Blair Mitchell who were named to the 2014 All-West Coast Conference Rowing Team.

**Men's Rowing**

The Bronco men's rowing team traveled this weekend to Rancho Cordova, Calif., to compete in the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship and looked to continue their success in the water.

The Broncos placed fourth in both of the races in their final competition of the season. Santa Clara faced off against strong teams hailing from schools such as University of San Diego, Gonzaga University and University of California, San Diego in this competition.

**Cross-Country**

The men and women's cross-country teams ended their season on a high note at the West Coast Invitational in Salem, Ore., this weekend. Adrian Hinojosa, Ben Demaree, Bryan Crook and Joey Berriatua all finished in the top 25 of the men's 5K race, with Demaree and Hinojosa running their best times of the season.

On the women's side, juniors Mary Kriege and Kelly Ryan placed high in the women's 5K race. Kriege took ninth place and set a personal record while Ryan took home 12th place, just a couple of seconds shy of her personal best.

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**Senior sits at the top with most wins in university history**

**Tyler J. Scott**

**The Santa Clara**

Senior Katie Le became the first player in Santa Clara history to go to three straight singles championships at the NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship.

Le traveled to the University of Georgia as an At-Large selection in this year's tournament, joining 65 other players from across the nation.

The singles competition began yesterday and will continue until May 26 in Athens, Ga. at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex. The matches will be in a best-of-three sets format with regular scoring.

There will also be a 12-point tiebreaker if a match reaches six games.

Le, ranked No. 31 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, fell to the University of Florida's No. 14 ranked Olivia Janowicz in the first round of the singles championships by scores of 6-0 and 6-2.

Before Le left for Georgia, she spoke on the goings-to-the-goings and reflected on her time at Santa Clara.

“I don’t really focus on the seeds or the selections that are made,” Le said. “Each and every person competing in the tournament, whether they are ranked in the top 10 or the top 50, are all great players and each round will be extremely tough, especially under the hot conditions.”

She said that she was not going to underestimate anyone on the court, no matter their ranking.

“The NCAAs have been, by far, my favorite tournament and after making it for the first time sophomore year, I made it one of my goals to play in the tournament every year after,” said Le. “I have started the last two seasons with this mindset, and seeing the results that I wanted is extremely rewarding.”

During the regular season, Le played at the No. 1 position at Santa Clara in both singles and doubles. She has played at that position for four straight years, ever since she first joined the Broncos.

Le's most notable victory over a ranked challenger occurred on March 22 when she upset Pepperdine University's Lorraine Guilleremo, who was then ranked No. 19 in the nation, with scores of 7-5 and 6-4.

The longest winning streak Le experienced was 13 games in a row. Throughout her notable career she has amassed an array of accolades including the West Coast Conference Freshman of the Year in 2011 and WCC Player of the Year in 2012, as well as earning First and Second-Team honors in singles every year of her career.

She was also awarded the No. 1 doubles All-Tournament Team with her partner, sophomore ChehBy Cooke, this year.

Besides Le, the WCC was represented by Guilleremo from Pepperdine and Jenny Jullien from Saint Mary's College.

The two were ranked No. 26 and No. 11, respectively, but only one of them would grab the victory.

Guilleremo fell to Duke University's Beatrice Capra but Jullien came through with a three-set victory against Roniturdyovsky from the University of Michigan.

“It’s an honor to have played for Santa Clara and earn the recognition that I did at this university,” Le said. “I was exposed to so many different opportunities that helped me improve my game here over the past three years, and I never imagined I would ever be able to compete at the level I am now. It’s bittersweet to graduate and see an end to my tennis career as well as my college experience, but I have had a wonderful past four years and could not have asked for more.”

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Broncos Take Tournament Spot

Baseball makes first postseason since 1997

Sydney Sanchez
The Santa Clara

This time last year, the Santa Clara baseball team was hanging up their gear after a brutal 1-23 conference season. This year the Broncos are preparing for their first West Coast Conference play-off game after clinching a berth following their series win versus Saint Mary's College last weekend.

In a dramatic program turnaround in just one hard-fought season, the Broncos have become serious WCC contenders, ending their season 16-11 as the No. 4 seed in the conference.

Santa Clara opened the game with a huge home run by Vincaino to put the Broncos on top early, but Santa Clara allowed five runs to the Gaels in the fourth innings to run a 5-1 deficit.

The team responded when it really counted, answering with five runs of their own in the fourth and fifth, including a three RBI double by senior Casey Munoz to put Santa Clara ahead.

After a run by St. Mary's to tie the score in the seventh, the game came down to the bottom of the ninth inning where the Broncos needed just one run to win the game and push them into the post-season.

Braff came through with an RBI walkoff, bringing home senior Greg Harvis for the game-winning and play-off berth clinching 7-6 win.

“The walkoff was awesome for me, I’ve never been able to do that before,” said Braff. “I’m just glad I was able to come up in that spot and help the team but really everyone contributed this weekend.”

The Broncos are now on their way to the postseason for the first time since 1997. Instead of succumbing to the shadow of their less-than-stellar history and last year’s 1-23 conference record, the team used the experience to push them forward this season.

“I think our guys used last year more than anything to prove a point,” said Vizcaino. “Right now, we are around baseball my entire life, I’ve learned that anything can happen in the playoffs,” said Vincaino. “Right now, we are focused on not only getting prepared for these games, but also just staying relaxed and realizing we are the team that can upset our competition.”

Coach Ribas also believes in the importance of their momentum.

“I’ll say this – I wouldn’t want to be another coach in this tournament having to play us,” said Ribas. “With the toughness of our group, you better finish us off early because we’re going to stick with it.”

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Adrian Hinojosa
Cross-Country

The sophomore finished eighth in the men’s 5K with a final time of 14:39.16.

What is your mindset going into a race?
I get ready to get psyched up and pumped up, meaning I try and get excited to run my legs out. I try my hardest to do what I have to do to make my team win, and if that means putting my body in the blender for the last mile then that’s what I’ll do.

What are your goals moving forward?
Get better every single day. I have two more years of collegiate running with Santa Clara and that means two more opportunities to make NCAAs.