The aid is near: deadline for FAFSA applications approaching

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The last day for students to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is looming, and with it, their last chance to apply for government-funded financial aid for the upcoming school year.

In the 2009-2010 school year, 9,963 Cal Poly students received financial awards ranging from grants to student loans.

Lois Kelly, the director of financial aid at Cal Poly, said financial aid is not limited to grants and scholarships, but also includes loans, federal work study and athletic scholarships.

“There are ranges of aid that are available,” Kelly said. “Depending on need, specific individual programs are available for students.”

One major form determines if a student will receive financial aid — the FAFSA.

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Less than one month after its release in select states including California, Starbucks' new 31-ounce drink size is causing a stir among media outlets, some of whom call the beverage “massive” and even “worrisome.”

The drink size, called the Trenta (Italian for 30), is receiving criticism as it is larger than the average human stomach, which can usually hold 30 ounces. It is currently being offered for teas and coffees on ice only.

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Although she said she buys coffee at Starbucks every day, Tanaka said she would never want or need anything larger than her usual order: a Grande (16-ounce) coffee.

Tanaka said a YouTube video called “Visualize the Size of the Starbucks Trenta Cup” influenced her view of the large drink size. The video has more than 200,000 views and creates a visual portrayal of 31 ounces as a man opens a bottle of wine and pours its entire contents into a Trenta cup.

“I don’t think I would ever get it, especially after I saw that video,” Tanaka said.

Even students who admitted to being slightly reliant on coffee for a daily caffeine boost agreed.

Electrical engineering senior Danny Zepeda said he has never gotten the Trenta and does not plan on it in the future. Even though he said Starbucks has the best coffee, he was still uninterested in purchasing a coffee of that size.

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Depending on the student's financial situation, eligibility for different types of financial awards is determined. "Pending need, grants will pay the full amount of the expenses for the student, or with things like the Cal Grant, students can get up to $5,550 toward their education," Kelly said.

In general, the FAFSA must be filled out in order to receive financial awards for grants like the Cal Grant, which applies to California residents, or the Federal Pell Grant, which is open to every body in the nation.

Darryl Williams, a business administration senior, filled out a FAFSA to receive his Pell Grant. Williams, who is a member of the Cal Poly football team, also receives an athletic scholarship that pays for tuition and housing.

"The athletic scholarship pays for tuition and rent and then the Pell Grant basically helps me pay for my food and stuff like that," Williams said.

While Williams receives grants and aid that do not have to be paid back, "it covers pretty much everything," he said. "I'm getting loans but I've also received a Cal Grant as well as a grant for being of sophomore standing," Smith said. "That's why Starbucks is introducing a bigger size."}

With the costs expecting to rise as a result of recent budget cuts, students are turning to financial aid as a way to afford the university.

However, money given to Cal Poly students for university expenses can be used at the discretion of the student. "If you qualified to receive the financial aid, it is up to you to use and to spend it responsibly," Kelly said. "I'm not going to check on your bookstore purchase to make sure you're not spending it on frivolous things." When completing the financial aid documentation, students must sign a statement on the application agreeing to use the money for education, Kelly said.

In most cases, students at Cal Poly choose to use their financial aid wisely, with most spending going toward tuition and meals.

"I could go buy the moon if I wanted to," Williams said. "But most of the money that I get goes to school and food." With the costs of housing, fees and tuition rising, Kelly encouraged students at Cal Poly to utilize the resources available at the financial aid office.

"Filling out the FAFSA is probably the most important thing a student can do to get the aid that they need," Kelly said. "Besides that, students are welcome to come in to talk with a financial aid counselor.

The FAFSA priority filing date for 2011 is March 2 and students who are interested in more information about financial aid are encouraged to visit the financial aid office in the Administration Building, room 212.

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Many recent studies point out that there are various different causes of America's already growing obese population. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, California is home to the two most vain cities in the world in terms of health and weight consciousness: Los Angeles and San Francisco. But America as a whole is still upholding its reputation for being overweight.

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With hundreds of U.S. citizens trapped for now in Libya, the Obama administration is responding cautiously to leader Moammar Gadhafi's brutal attempt to suppress a rebellion, fearing the wrong move might bring retaliation against Americans, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The fate of about 600 U.S. citizens, along with 35 non-essential Embassy staff, whom the State Department is trying to evacuate, puts President Barack Obama in an excruciating diplomatic bind.

Despite the Gadhafi regime's ongoing massacres, which have killed hundreds of civilians, and executions of security personnel who refuse to take part in the atrocities, Obama hasn't called on Gadhafi to step down.

That's a striking difference from his role in caging Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from power after a much less bloody revolution earlier this month.

There was mounting pressure Tuesday on the Obama administration to take a tougher stand. The session was preceded by a bizarre rivalry over who would speak for Libya: its U.N. ambassador, or his deputy, who broke with the regime.

The ambassador spoke, but afterward his deputy appeared before reporters, denouncing the Libyan leader.

Senior U.S. officials, some of whom requested anonymity because of the situation's sensitivity, said Washington is contemplating stronger actions in the days ahead. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Tuesday called the violence in Libya "completely unacceptable." She said, "As we gain a greater understanding of the situation, we will take appropriate steps in line with our policies, our values and our laws."

"As always, the safety and well-being of Americans has to be our primary concern," she said. Clinton didn't mention Gadhafi by name.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said 35 U.S. Embassy personnel and families, who were ordered to leave Libya on Monday, haven't yet been able to depart the country. "The fact is today we were not able to move any of our personnel out of the country," Crowley said.

The relatively small embassy staff is also helping some of the roughly 600 U.S. citizens in the country, many of whom work for energy companies, depart.

Concerns that U.S. citizens might get caught up in the chaos grew Tuesday when Gadhafi gave a defiant, rambling speech in which he appeared to blame the U.S. for the insurrection that's divided the country.

"We defy America," Gadhafi said at one point.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said in a statement that British nationals in Libya "have encountered significant difficulties" trying to leave. A Royal Navy Frigate, the H.M.S. Cumberland, was being deployed to the eastern Mediterranean to help if necessary, Hague said.

A U.S. official said no similar action is currently being considered by the U.S.

Elliott Abrams, a former deputy national security adviser for President George W. Bush, said the U.S. should push to freeze Libyan bank accounts, suspend the country from the U.N. Human Rights Council, seek agreement on a weapons embargo; and send humanitarian aid to Libyans via Egypt or Tunisia.

Abrams, now at the Council on Foreign Relations, said there also should be international discussion of imposing a no-fly zone over Libya.

"I cannot see that we have done anything," he said of the Obama administration. Abrams said he'd heard that the "main constraint" on the administration's public statements is fear for the safety of U.S. citizens.

Meanwhile, the Arab League announced it is suspending Libya's participation in the 22-member U.N. body.

Arab League Chief Amr Moussa announced the step to reporters in Cairo, saying the use of heavy weapons and mercenaries against the protesters was a "grave breach of human rights."

He also demanded that Libyan authorities restore communication channels and urged Arab and international organizations to send humanitarian aid into the Libya. Elsewhere, Catherine Ashton, the European Union's foreign policy chief, said the 27-nation EU was suspending a framework trade agreement it had been negotiating with Libya, Reuters reported.
**State**

SACRAMENTO (MCT) — Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday appointed a high-level federal attorney to become chairwoman of the state Fair Political Practice Commission, which oversees and enforces the state's campaign finance and ethics laws.

Brown named Ann Ravel of Los Gatos, Calif., to the chair position, and former federal prosecutor Sean Elkins of Santa Monica, Calif., to a second seat on the five-person commission. The Democrat replaces Republican Dan Schnur, who was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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**National**

WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday shielded the nation's vaccine makers from being sued by parents who say their children suffered severe side effects from the drugs. By a 6-2 vote, the court upheld a federal law that offers compensation to those victims but bars the courthouse door to lawsuits. Justice Antonin Scalia said the court was protecting parents.

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**International**

INDIA (MCT) — A court in India on Tuesday convicted 31 defendants of killing dozens of people by burning a train near Godhra in 2002, an act that led to sectarian riots that caused the deaths of hundreds more.

A total of 94 people faced charges related to the fire, which killed 59 people. The sentencing for those found guilty was expected Friday.

Prosecutors argued that the defendants had set fire to coach S-6 of the Sabarmati Express passenger train near the town of Godhra in Gujarat state on Feb. 27, 2002.

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**ACAMPO (MCT) —** Grape growers have practiced installing nest boxes to attract owls to their vineyards to catch rodents for more than half a century.

Recently, the San Francisco-based utility presented the Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission with a first-of-its-kind $25,000 grant to purchase 130 new owl boxes on their own dedicated poles. The utility wants to limit the number of owl encounters, with more than half a century.

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**ALASKA (MCT) —** Alaska state Rep. Sharon Caina refused an "invasive, probing" security pat-down at the Seattle airport and is driving and taking the ferry back to Alaska. Caina was in Seattle for medical treatment and planned to fly back to Juneau on Sunday night.

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**ALGERIA (MCT) —** In a major concession to Algeria's opposition groups, the government on Tuesday adopted a measure that would lift a 19-year state of emergency that has constrained civil liberties and human rights in the North African oil exporter. A draft law approved by the Cabinet would repeal the emergency law as soon as it is published in the government's official journal.

An opposition leader last week said he had been assured that the state of emergency would be lifted by the end of February.
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In defense of abstinence

Sex columnist peers into the lives of the non-sexually active

Caitlyn Harkins is an English sophomore, Mustang Daily copy editor and sex columnist.

The only time I wished I had waited to have sex was at the six-month mark with my current boyfriend.

I realized how much I was really into him, and I had that dawning moment that so many other people have had before me. Waiting for him would have been extraordinarily nice.

However, I don't regret the experiences I've had, because I wouldn't be who I am today without them. I definitely wouldn't be the sex columnist, at least. But I do understand where the other side — the patient side — comes from.

Assuming all young adults are having sex is just as ignorant as thinking all young adults binge drink. Generalizing entire groups produces nothing beyond superficial concepts that don't apply to a good percentage of the people being stereotyped.

Abstinence comes in a few different shades. There are those waiting until marriage, those waiting until the right person stumbles into their bed and those who have other physical/religious/emotional reasons for refraining.

As long as abstinence is born freely from the individual's opinions, I completely support abstinence as a valid (non)sexual choice.

A core feature of any relationship is trust. Build that by talking to your partner openly as often as possible. Honor what you and your partner discuss in private and do what you say you will. You and your partner are skipping a large part of physical intimacy so having emotional bonds will keep your relationship strong.

You can show affection in other ways like holding hands, cuddling or kissing. Discuss with your partner what you are comfortable with physically and your reasons for being abstinent so all sides of the relationship understand the boundaries.

The rise in abstinence-only education gives reasoning as to why teens and young adults should stay away from sex. But often it doesn't include safety precautions for forms of non-penetrative or anal sex.

If you and your partner choose to not have vaginal intercourse, but experiment with other sex play or anal intercourse, make sure to use condoms or dental dams and lubricants to ensure sexual health and safety. If using a barrier method during oral sex seems unsavory, check out flavored condoms and dams.

Oral and anal activities are still forms of sex, so minimise risky behaviors by being safe. If you or your partner have previous sexual experience, getting an STD screening is advised. Condoms and STD screenings aren't sexy, but neither is herpes.

One argument against abstinence stems from concerns that the couple may eventually discover that they are sexually incompatible. What this argument fails to consider is that any couple having sex for the first time is awkward. It takes time to develop comfort in the bedroom, which will flourish as long as the previously abstaining couple communicates their desires and discomforts.

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"Love Out Loud"

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Hats - Gloves - Scarves - Rainboots
Cup Noodles and Easy Mac no longer need be the staples of the collegiate diet. Weekly cooking classes hosted in Poly Canyon Village help students learn how to do more than just boil water.

"Cooking in the Canyon" is part of the Sophomore Success Program, a support organization for sophomores as they transition from their first year of college. Coordinator of student development at Poly Canyon Village Kari George said "Cooking in the Canyon" is one of the program's events that urges community advisers to organize and facilitate the classes which teach basic cooking skills and provide students with new recipes. Recipe George said.

Every week, Poly Canyon community advisers organize and facilitate the classes which teach basic cooking skills and provide students with new recipes. Recipe difficulty ranges from beginning to intermediate and have foods such as included grilled sandwiches, cheese cake, cookie dough, baked sti, taco salad and enchiladas.

Lessons are also sometimes led by special guests who either volunteer or are invited by graduate assistant at Poly Canyon Village, Cecilia Macchiavelli. Past guests have included Campus Dining chefs, faculty and representatives of the Gender Equity Center, the Pride Center and international programs, whose classes are usually accompanied by information about the organization or slide shows.

For example, the exchange program's lesson was Italian-themed, featuring a PowerPoint presentation about Italy and recipes for pizza, caprese salad, fruit salad and a dessert bread with authentic Italian chocolate paste.

But, the lessons remain very basic even with outside instructors. "We're never going to have turkey and gravy and mashed potatoes," Macchiavelli said. "It's practical food."

Typically, 15 to 30 students attend the cooking classes, but advisers have seen upward of 50 participants, depending on which recipes are made, George said. This quarter, the cheese cake class brought in more students than the average. And while some classes see a much smaller turnout, most are well-attended.

Last Wednesday's class, hosted by the Gender Equity Center, saw only a handful of students, but those who did attend were pleased with a surplus of the featured recipe — pasta salad.

Civil engineering sophomore Job Jao was one of the few attendees, as well as a regular at Cooking in the Canyon, and said he is first and foremost lured by the classes' free food, but sees the practicality in the cooking lessons. 

"The lessons are helpful because we put the recipes on our fridge," Jao said. "We've made a couple of them again."

Cooking in the Canyon started when Cerro Vista apartments opened in 2003 as a joint collaboration between University Housing and campus partners, said Emily Sandoval, Learning Community Coordinator for the Sophomore Success Program. It was and is still called Learn to Cook at Cerro Vista, but underwent a name change when the program expanded to Poly Canyon Village in 2008.

In addition to encouraging self-sufficiency, the cooking classes are designed to teach students healthy options and give tips to prevent fire alarms due to mishaps while cooking on the stove, which Sandoval said she thinks has been particularly successful.

During its first year, Poly Canyon Village experienced frequent fire alarms. Many students do not know the proper procedures when their apartments filled with smoke, said community advisor Stephanie Freese. This would often set off the entire building's alarm, forcing every student within that building to evacuate.

As a result, the first few classes of Cooking in the Canyon focus on preventing fire alarms. "We're educating them on how to open windows, turn on fans and not open their doors to the hallway," Freese said.

Frees said she has seen a definite drop in the number of alarms going off throughout the year.

Other activities part of the Sophomore Success Program include are weekly fitness classes and academic programs like Sophomore Advising Week and Junior Jumpstart Series, both annual events that support sophomores in their academic endeavors, Sandoval said.

The (program) ... addresses the academic planning, community and involvement needs of second year students, and facilitates their transition into a mature and responsible living environment," Sandoval said.

"Cooking in the Canyon is free to all students every Wednesday at 7 p.m in the conference room behind Canyon Post."

"It was first started so that students could do something practical, get together with other students and build a community," Macchiavelli said. "It's one of our most attended programs — our residents enjoy it."
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activity, including masturbating until marriage) does have the drawback of being unaware of the self. Knowledge about what gets you off can be learned later, but sex will absolutely demand patience and a large investment of time so you will have a satisfying marital sex life.

In the meantime, if your definition of abstinence does not exclude masturbating, then make sure to get your practice in. Men need to come regularly after the onset of puberty or risk “nocturnal emissions” (wet dreams).

Some of you might want to be abstinent anymore, or absolutely demand patience and a large investment of time so you will have a satisfying marital sex life. Abstinence or non-abstinence is a personal choice that shouldn’t be dictated by anyone other than the individual.

A lot of you reading this aren’t abstinence, but some of you might be. You’re not a prude and you’re not naive for wanting to wait. Don’t take any grief from anyone—live your life the way you want to, not the way others deem appropriate.

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Monty Python’s ‘Spamalot’ sells out the PAC
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A full house will gather at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) to watch the Tony Award-winning musical theater comedy Monty Python’s “Spamalot.” The show, which is packed with British humor that sold out the PAC months before its actual date, will take place Feb. 28.

“It’s one of our most popular shows this year,” PAC ticketing office employee Mike Jones said.

“We still get calls about it every day, but unfortunately no one has returned any tickets.”

“Spamalot” is advertised as “lovingly ripped-off” because it is largely based on the popular 1975 comedy film “Monty Python and the Holy Grail,” which tells the story of King Arthur and his knights of the round table embarking on a journey to find the Holy Grail.

Cows, killer rabbits, showgirls and quirky Frenchman all find their way into the show, which The Sunday Times said “raises silliness to an art form.”

“Monty Python and the Holy Grail” is one of five films created by Monty Python, a British comedy group.

Music professor Alyson McLamore said since “Spamalot” is a Monty Python product, it is sure to be filled with zany and sometimes off-color humor that characterizes the group’s work.

“There’s political humor, sexual humor, body function humor,” McLamore said. “There are jokes about anything you could imagine. A lot of it is very intellectual humor, though. It grows on you.”

McLamore said the humor was not designed for the overly sensitive viewer.

“I think it’s going to appeal to anybody who is not easily offended,” McLamore said. “They do not take prisoners.”

Despite the musical’s success nationally and even locally, some Cal Poly students did not express enthusiasm for Monty Python.

“I saw (Monty Python and the Holy Grail) a long time ago,” modern languages and literatures freshman Danny Bounahan said. “It’s not that funny. I don’t really like British comedy.”

While the musical is largely derived from “Monty Python and the Holy Grail,” McLamore said it is laced with references to some of Monty Python’s other works, as well as other Broadway shows.

McLamore will present a pre-show lecture at 6:30 p.m. History and facts will be explained about the Python troop and Broadway musicals in general.

McLamore said this will help viewers catch on to jokes that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Cal Poly Arts public relations director Lisa Wokse said Broadway musicals are some of the most popular events at Cal Poly.

“We feel it’s worth bringing quality Broadway tours to the Central Coast, so our audience doesn’t have to travel to catch the tour,” Wokse said.
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Since President Obama unveiled his 2012 budget proposal last week, the battle lines have been drawn over the future of the country's budgetary framework. The budget proposes cuts to virtually every category of discretionary spending, but the real news is that the bill would close a projected $3.6 billion shortfall by forcing Americans to pay $5.8 billion in new taxes and cutting benefits during uncertain times does nothing to restore consumer confidence and increase consumer demand. When demand decreases, businesses will see billions of dollars of cash they need in order to invest because they will see an increasing prospect for profit.

The present continuing resolution ends March 4, with a government shutdown possible if Democrats and Republicans cannot agree on terms to fund the government through the rest of this fiscal year. The Republican-controlled House just passed a budget for the rest of the fiscal year with $61 billion in cuts, reducing funding for government programs ranging from foreign aid to Pell Grants for low-income students.

Many believe the cuts are too drastic to pass in the Democrat majority in the Senate, making the possibility of a government shutdown that much more likely, especially given the fact that Congress is on break for President's Day and doesn't reconvene until Feb. 28. I am all for balanced budgets, and I do believe that federal spending should be reduced, but the reason Obama increased non-defense discretionary spending is because of the financial crisis and the ensuing recession. Spending needs to be reduced, and was only temporary to begin with, but we need to make sure the strength of the economy is enough to support job growth, and cutting benefits during uncertain times does nothing to restore consumer confidence and increase consumer demand. When demand decreases, businesses will see billions of dollars of cash they need in order to invest because they will see an increasing prospect for profit. Until confidence is restored, growth will continue to remain sluggish.

To be clear, though, the portion of the budget that Republicans and Democrats are fighting over represents less than 1 percent of the federal budget. The federal budget is divided into two categories: discretionary spending (education, defense, health care, and human services, etc.) and non-defense discretionary spending (Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, etc.). Thus, Republicans being so strident about cutting spending in non-defense discretionary spending now is less about the long-term debt than it is a political decision to cut programs to please voters. The administration considers important. And if the cuts do harm the economy, it will only provide Republicans with more political ammunition come election time.

Even the Obama administration has set the issue of entitlements aside by not addressing them in the budget for 2012. Non-discretionary spending comprises 56 percent of the federal budget and represents the bulk of the U.S.'s long-term liabilities. The Obama administration is very adept at politics, thus Obama avoided addressing entitlements in his budget because it would be politically toxic. The debates would be a repeat of the health care debate, where Obama's approval rating was the lowest because Congress debated the bill for an entire year while unemployment continued to rise. The partisan bickering made it seem as if Congress was insulated from the plight of the average worker, and led to the rise of the Occupy movement and the Republican sweep in the House.

Which brings us to the situation in Wisconsin. There have been protests in the capital of Madison ever since the Wisconsin Senate drafted a bill that would close a projected $3.6 billion shortfall by forcing public employees to pay $5.8 billion in new taxes and cutting benefits during uncertain times. What the American economy needs is some form of control over the needs is some form of control over

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breath wrestling, allowing little time off the mat. By the end of the season Disney was physically and mentally defeated, not to mention nursing a torn ACL.

Although still attending classes in Minnesota, Disney did not compete in the 2009-2010 season, but finally came to the realization that he still had the urge to get back on the mat.

As it just so happened, Jake Tanenbaum, who is redshirting at 125-pounds this season, lived close to Disney and turned him on to Cal Poly. Disney took a trip to campus last year and knew it was the right place.

Now he lives off campus along with other transfers, including senior Barrett Abel who has been impressed by his work ethic.

"He's incredibly talented, comes off a top program so he knows how to work hard," Abel said. "He's coming off an injury so he hasn't had the results he's wanted, but it's transition phase and we're all going through it."

It is clear Disney's transition phase is coming to an end. But talking about the big tournaments coming up cause him to get serious for a few, moments before he quickly reverts to his low-key style.

And it's not that the Pac-10 Championships, slated to take place this weekend, do not have huge implications for the redshirt sophomore, co-head coach Mark Perry said Disney has an opportunity to pull an upset and find his way to Philadelphia for his first trip to the national championships.

"I know at any given moment I can compete and beat any one of these kids in the Pac-10," Disney said. "My mentality is that all year I've been focused on wrestling my best at Pac-10 and NCAAs and I've planned on winning it. My plans haven't changed despite my season."

As evidenced by his departure from the Twin Cities, Disney's temperament thrives off balancing a serious work ethic toward wrestling and a humorous attitude in life.

Wrestling has never been as popular as basketball especially outside of the Midwest, but Disney said he feels the one-on-one combat that wrestling thrives on makes it a true spectator sport.

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"They're like 7-foot-tall and have lanky Gumby arms," he said. "They look like the wacky, waving inflatable tube man. That will get me in trouble, but I don't know any basketball players."

When asked about the Disney character he most resembled and liked, his answer was Mr. Incredible. But if his opponents we have going on. Also, we don't just care about our muscles. I think that people think we just go look at ourselves in the mirror all day. I think we're a little bit deeper than that; we have feelings, emotions."

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Atticus Disney is more than just a unique name

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Judging by his 2,550 Facebook friends, Atticus Disney leaves quite an impression on those who meet the 6-foot-2, 220-pound wrestler. Everything from his blackened eye from a tussle against San Francisco State to his name makes him hard to miss.

As for possibly his most distinguishing characteristic, Disney said his father Barry is a lawyer and Harper Lee’s “To Kill a Mockingbird” left an impression on him. Besides, Disney said, his parents were either going to christen him after the fatherly lawyer or settle on Ken.

In the long run, he’s glad they went with Atticus, because Ken Disney does not quite have the same ring.

“No one likes to have the weird name when you’re little, because everyone makes fun of you,” Disney said. “But when you start getting older, I think people remember you easier. I mean in class, you don’t really forget the name Atticus. I love it now.”

Barry not only gave Disney his name, but also helped turn Disney on to wrestling in his youth while growing up in Kansas. Though he wanted to clear one thing up about his name, Disney said “We do not all live on a farm and have cows that we have to milk at five in the morning every day.”

One time after a play battle in the living room, Barry told Atticus that he was going to be too big and too short for basketball so he might as well find another winter sport.

Trading the hardwood for the mat turned out to be the right move. As a high schooler Disney captured three state titles in the wrestling addicted Jayhawk State where spectators flock en-masse to big tournaments.

In typical heavyweight fashion, he developed a habit of finding hiding places for food in the wrestling room. By going shopping before practice he could buy Snickers and stuff them under the mat until, at the right moment, he would chew down when his coach was not looking.

Eating habits aside, with three state titles under his belt, Disney was a highly sought-after recruit. And when the University of Minnesota, also known as “Heavyweight 11” came knocking, Disney was instantly enamored and enrolled in 2008.

But for Disney, the attitude among the coaches and athletes made everyone eat, sleep and stay in it this long. There are a lot of intriguing things about Cal Poly, and I do love where I am, but the academic success at Cal Poly, the athletic success and the opportunity to return to my home state are all very intriguing to me.”

Prettyman was born in Bakersfield, moved to San Diego, went to high school in San Leandro and then went to college at Vanguard University. But he said proximity to his hometown isn’t the only positive of taking the Cal Poly job.

“I think things are in order at Cal Poly,” Prettyman said. “Allison did a nice job, she hired good people and the facilities are decent. I think some attention needs to be paid attention to the basketball facility. But some of the other facilities look nice.”

Building new facilities and raising revenue for athletic programs is exactly Prettyman’s specialty. While at Indiana State, Prettyman poured in $2.2 million for renovations to Bob Warn Field at Sycamore Stadium (home of the baseball team) and is in the process of adding Memorial Stadium (home of the football team). He also does a great job of finding the right coaches to ensure teams succeed in their new venues, Indiana State men’s basketball coach Greg Lansing said.

“We’re riding an unbelievable momentum right now and it’s because of Ron Prettyman,” Lansing said. “Things are a lot better than when he got here. Basketball has improved and won some championships, football has been built from nothing, baseball has had a resurgence and a large part of that is to give credit to Ron.”

With everything considered, for Lansing, the decision is a no brainer. “Prettyman is a good one,” Lansing said. “If Cal Poly could get him, I think it would be a steal.”

The two other finalists were announced in a press release Tuesday afternoon. San Diego State senior associate athletics director Don Oberhelman and Portland State athletics director Mike “Torie” Chisholm have been tabbed as the two other candidates for the position.

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Cal Poly athletics may be getting a bit prettier.

Current Indiana State athletics director Ron Prettyman will interview for Cal Poly’s athletics director position this week, he said. He will meet chair of the search committee Larry Kelley and others in the upcoming days and go through interviews Wednesday and Thursday. He will also participate in an open forum this Thursday in Mott Gym from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

It is the first athletics director finalist who has gone public since former Cal Poly athletics director Alison Cone retired in December.

“I know Alison. Cone and I think she was a terrific administra­tor and I think Phil Webb, the interim AD, has been doing a nice job holding things together,” Prettyman said. “I think (Cone) was a great leader, great administrator.”

If Cal Poly does go in the direction of Prettyman, it will bring in a man who has 28 years of experience under his belt. Prior to his position at Indiana State, Prettyman was athletics director at Vanguard University for 13 years, Cal State Dominguez Hills for 10 and Indiana State for five. Come summer, he will have wrapped up his sixth full year.

And if he plays his cards right, Prettyman may spend his next year with the Mustangs — something he is looking forward to, he said.

“I am very interested,” Prettyman said. “That is why I have

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