Above: Lt. Gov. John Garamendi speaks on the importance of universal health care. Right: Six Poly students made the trip up to Sacramento.

Poly club tries to raise respect for health care

Brittany Ridley
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The Cal Poly club Raise the Respect rallied at the Universal Health Care Lobby Day in Sacramento on Wednesday.

Students joined from across the state to kick off the reintroduction of the California Health Insurance Reliability Act, a bill to provide all Californians with health insurance coverage.

"Basically right now what we have is private health care insurance," said Jim Fung, an electrical engineer senior at Cal Poly and Raise the Respect representative. "Under this bill, the government will assume all responsibility for basic health care treatment. Instead of consumers paying premiums to private companies it would be paid into a single government entity."

The hill was introduced last year and passed by the assembly and senate, but was vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006.

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MP3 cell phones: Music to our ears?

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Once upon a time, cell phones were just to make phone calls — but with the influx of phones that take pictures and videos and even stream TV shows, those days are long gone.

Many new cell phones also double as mp3 players, allowing users to do anything from transfer music from their PCs to buy music on the go. But just like the zany names of some of these new phones (RAZR, MOTORZRR, SUVR, exV and Chocolate, just to name a few), the viability of this trend may also be a little far-fetched.

Users of the phones are divided on their opinions of this technology, so The Chronicle decided to break down the good and bad of MP3 cell phones.

The good
Based on numbers alone, MP3 cell phones have been a tremendous hit over the past year. For example, the Sony Ericsson W800i Phone, nicknamed the Walkman phone, currently reigns as the top seller in the Cell Phones & Service category on Amazon.com. And in a recent poll by the IDC, listening to music topped the "Five Most Desired Services" category for cell phones.

Users have also praised these phones for their multitasking abilities. "It's really convenient," said Duke senior Blair Josephs of her Samsung A950 phone. "I just used my phone.

Ann Fields, a freshman, echoed Josephs' comments, adding that she enjoyed the ability to buy songs straight from her Cingular CUS00 phone. Service providers, such as Verizon Wireless, have created stores similar to Apple's iTunes Music Store that users can access from their phones. Songs are usually priced at $1.99 apiece and are transmitted directly to a user's music library.

The quarterly Pride Alliance and Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals United (GLBU) Winter Open House took place Wednesday night at the Pride Center, as both organizations looked to increase their presence on campus and attract more Cal Poly students to the center.

"We want to raise awareness that there are a lot of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students on campus. It is a good time to meet at the beginning of the quarter and bring the two organizations together," said Jessica Cresci, an animal science freshman and pride alliance coordinator. "I came to the event last quarter and that is how I got involved."

Roughly 20 to 30 members of both organizations, along with students interested in the Pride Alliance and GLBU, attended the event, which featured no formal discussion or speakers — just a chance for students to interact.

The Pride Alliance is part of the Student Life and Leadership, one of three cultural centers at Cal Poly. The center's goals are to promote awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and sponsor events and activities concerning the organization.

GLBU is a student-run organization, similar to the Pride Alliance. As a campus club, its goal is to bring together the student LGBT community.

Cal Poly's GLBU is the largest of its kind in the CSU system and is the organization behind the annual CommUNITY Pride held for one to two weeks each spring.

The GLBU also organized the same-sex hand-holding day, which occurs every year.
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"If I really was definitely a success and the meeting with the legislature went very well," Fung said. "We got support from a lot of them."

After speaking with different assembly members and senators, Fung said that many of the legislators agreed to look at the bill again with fresh eyes.

Chan said there will be additional opportunities locally for students and community members to become more educated on statewide health care.

**Phones**

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"It’s helpful if I’m on the go just knowing that a song that I want to listen to right then," Fields said.

The bad

But at $1.99 per song, $1 more than male freshmen are prepared to pay for health insurance, Chan said. "It’s a conference built of workshops targeting the most pressing issues going on in our community," Chan said. "It’s inspiring students to make a difference in their communities."

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**Girls enter college with better study habits but lack confidence**

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CASSANDRE ALVARADO REMEMBERS A BRIEF moment when she was a student at East Texas State University when Alvarado, director of the First-Year Invest Group, worked with her through the years, helping her to speak up in class and work out her teachers. Alvarado proudly notes that the girl went to law school and is now an attorney.

"I was just concerned about finding their way," she said.

A report released this month by Noelle Scott, a nonprofit educational research center, said more female than male freshmen are prepared to find their way in college, but fewer are confident in math and science.

According to the report there is a 10 percent gap between male and female freshmen in the confidence they feel toward their math and science abilities. However, female students reported better study habits. More than 69 percent of female students from 292 colleges across the country reported that they reviewed notes before tests, compared to 47 percent of male students. But 53 percent of male students felt they had a good grasp of scientific ideas, compared to 42 percent of female. The same 10 percent gap exists in science.

"Oftentimes the male students will create more confidence and understanding of the material or they not have a clue of what’s going on in class," said Tricia Berry, director of some women in Engineering Program at UT.

Berry said the main challenge in engineering men in action. Math and science is a lack of role models to show women that they can succeed.

Women are also more likely to take a failure with the material personally, she said.

The report also found across the board that male and female freshmen students have the same expectations of graduating and want the same kinds of institutional support.

Since math professor James Vick, vice president of student affairs from 1989 to 2004, started working at UT in the 1970s, equality has increased each year, though said. Women have not reached parity in math and science, he said the numbers are growing. More women expect to succeed than when Vick started in the ’70s, when a female Student Government president was the only student.

In general, Vick said students are better prepared. More students in his freshman calculus class raise their hands when asked if they’ve already taken calculus than ever before, he said.
Ahmadinejad condemns critics of nuclear program
Ali Akbar Dareini
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad lashed out at his country’s critics of its nuclear program Friday, saying Tehran would not back down in its standoff with Western powers.

"I don't think sanctions will resolve the issue ... Sanctions in my view could lead to escalation on both sides," he warned. Ahmadinejad said their calls for compromise echo "the words of the enemy." At the same time, Ahmadinejad's top national security official, Ali Larijani, sharply denounced U.S. policy in Iraq, saying Washington is "fueling Shiite-Sunni hatred.

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that actual work on putting in the centrifuges would begin at any particular date. ElBaradei called for a resumption of talks with Tehran, including the possibility of a French negotiator. "My worry right now is that each of these talks, rather than serve as an impetus to increase cooperation in the nuclear area, serves as a means to delay and undermine the progress," International Atomic Energy Agency chief said. "We need someone one to reach out to. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said this week that now is the time for the United States to talk to Iran, adding that Tehran does not appear ready to accept a conditional U.S. offer to join European talks over its nuclear program. ElBaradei warned that only applying pressure could prompt the Islamic republic to follow the path of North Korea, which kicked out U.N. inspectors and pulled out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty in 2003 and then conducted its first nuclear weapons test last October. "The priority is to keep Iran inside the system," he said. An Iranian Foreign Ministry delegation arrived in North Korea on Thursday, the country's state media reported. North Korea, like Iran, is facing intense international pressure to give up its nuclear weapons programs. In Iran, two newspapers have pointedly criticized the president's handling of the nuclear issue. "Your language is so offensive and contains not very nice words that inculcates that the nuclear issue is being dealt with a sort of a rubbishbin," said the conservative paper Jomhouri-e-Eslami said in a recent editorial.

Last Saturday, the reformist newspaper Aftab—E-Yahb said the nuclear policy was hurting Iran's ability to gain nuclear technology. It added: "Some current leaders act as if anyone person criticizing (the government) is an agent of the enemy."

Larijani, the top national security official, kept up criticism of the United States in an interview with journalists from several Lebanese papers. Larijani, who was in Lebanon on a tour of Arab nations seeking to build alliances with Iran, accused Washington of "stirring up Sunni-Shiite disputes" and "inciting Arab-Islamic disputes." The papers said Larijani was "encouraged" by his visit to Saudi Arabia—a pro-American, predominantly Sunni Arab kingdom considered a rival of overwhelming importance to Iran. Ahmadinejad said he had sent a message to Saudi King Abdullah in which he "encouraged" his host to "finish in trying to ease the violence in Iraq—"a message apparently delivered by Larijani. Saudi officials have not commented on the message.

Iraq's Mahdi Army expresses siege mentality before security drive starts in Sadr City

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two Shiite militia leaders in Iraq said that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has stopped protecting radical Shiite groups in the Mahdi Army under pressure from Washington, while the fighters described the security drive that is due to start in their Sadr City stronghold.

Their account of an organization now fighting for its very existence, could represent a tactical and propaganda feint, but there was mounting evidence the militias is increasingly off balance and has ordered its gunmen to melt back into the population. To avoid cap­ ture, commanders report no longer using cell phones and fighters are removing their black uniforms and hiding their weapons during the day.

During much of his nearly eight months in office, al-Maliki, who relies on al-Sadr's political backing, has blocked or ordered an end to many U.S.-led operations against the Mahdi Army.

According to a Sept. 13, al-Maliki, who is trying to capitalize on American voter discontent with the war and White House support for al-Sadr's Iraqi Union for Justice, is "encouraged" by his visit to Saudi Arabia — a pro-American, predominantly Sunni Arab kingdom considered a rival of overwhelming importance to Iran. Ahmadinejad said he had sent a message to Saudi King Abdullah in which he "encouraged" his host to "finish in trying to ease the violence in Iraq—"a message apparently delivered by Larijani. Saudi officials have not commented on the message.

"On the militia, the Baghdad plan itself is integrated to a holistic, countrywide plan that the multina­ tional corps is developing. And security for Baghdad won't just come from the Iraqi forces; it's coming from the growing number of neighborhoods controlled by the militias which indicate fighters are obeying orders."

Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said on Sunday that the strategy and the additional American forces would allow the weak Iraqi forces to be supplemented by up to 5,000 Iraqi police officers to help clear out the insurgents from the area.

"No, we're not going to leave Iraq. We're not going to lose Iraq. We're going to fight in Iraq," Casey said at a briefing on Monday. It "comes from the support zones around the outside as far as we're concerned, as the support zones around Baghdad," Casey said at a briefing on Monday.

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Associated Press

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including a 2-year-old boy hit by falling brick from a toppled wall in
London.

Rice cut short her visit to Berlin in order to leave for London before winds worsened, landing at
Heathrow Airport in storm winds gusting up to 77 mph.

"It’s not often you get winds of that sort of strength that far inland," said John Hammond of
Britain’s weather office. "(Rice) did well to land there, I wouldn’t have
done it in which seat.”

German meteorologists recorded gusts up to 118 mph, forcing
dozens of flight cancelations, shutting
schools and prompting the
situation to last over a
week, as well as bringing
hundreds of millions of euros worth of damage across the continent.

"We are still at a standstill around 1 p.m.", said Mazur, from southern
Germany, who had hoped to travel to
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New exhibit hopes to stir a powerful 'Reaction'

Hayley Bramble

Brace yourselves for a whole new kind of art show coming to Cal Poly.

"Emergent Reaction," a digital media art exhibition, opens Friday in the University Art Gallery. All exhibits in the show were created using computer technology.

"It's definitely a show where you'll really be stretched to believe that it's art," said Paradise Osorio, an art and design senior. Osorio has worked at the gallery for the past three years helping install the shows and is the new student gallery director. "All the pieces are very unique."

The show is comprised of pieces from professional artists who are well-known in the art community. Osorio said.

"News used to be a place where it is in a room, or on some sites to the newspapers. Pierce said. "Most of the news is put up there to entertain people. We can't see the line between what is scripted and what is real.

One critic of the book is televised news. Most of our collective memories, the 2000 presidential election, and the Columbine incident, our national memories are television memories," he said. "It's a clip we saw on YouTube, the difference between what is real and personal, and what is entertained, and what is put up there to entertain people," Pierce said.

"I would think that college students would have a better time with it. Part of being able to enter the world is to be familiar with that kind of shock comedy," he said. "I think the novel is a sort of cultural commentary to them."

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A capella group Take it SLO to compete for the first time

Jackie Pugh

Cal Poly's a capella group, Take It SLO, will be competing this Saturday in the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella Quarterfinals at UC Santa Barbara.

This will be the first time the group has competed since it began five years ago. They are expecting some tough competition from schools like USC, UCLA and UCSD.

Six groups will perform a 12-minute piece compiled of their best pop-rock a capella. They could perform at least two songs and made it a group effort to teach the seven new members that joined this fall. "It's so much fun, but it basically takes up all my life," Take It SLO member James Huang said. The group practiced four hours on Monday and then an additional three hours on Tuesday to prepare for the competition.

"We are all student led and every group (in the competition) is primarily student led," MacDonald said. This year, the group decided to add numerous officer positions.

MacDonald, participating for a second year, is making adjustments, in her first year as the group's manager.

"For the first part of the year, because we hadn't allocated jobs out to everybody, I was doing all the networking and setting up sideshows," MacDonald said.

Take It SLO has done seven shows since the beginning of the school year. The majority of the shows were in San Luis Obispo and another was in Los Angeles, where the group performed three times in one day.

As Take It SLO heads off to Santa Barbara this weekend, they will be preparing for a rigorous set of criteria that must be met in order to move on in the competition. Two sections, including vocal performance and visual performance, have specific subcategories. These include sections like the balance and blend of the group, the arrangement of songs, rhythmic accuracy and the tone and diction of the group.

In addition, components like cohesiveness, effectiveness of presentation, stage presence and creativity of movement make up the visual portion. "This is our first time competing, and we are trying to keep an open mind," said Rory Fratkin, music director of Take It Slo.

"This is really all about the experience through, and I think it's going to be a really incredible experience for the whole group, and we are going to figure things out about ourselves when we are in performance mode," Fratkin said.

The group has an exciting lineup of songs that they have made on their own. MacDonald explained the basis of what goes into modifying songs for a particular performance. Arrangements are done by ear into parts like alto, tenor and bass.

"Note for note, it's not going to be exactly what's in the song, as opposed to piano or guitar," Fratkin said. "There's a lot that goes into how to distribute the different instruments for the different voice parts and that's making it original!"

Fratkin gave examples within the group's performance that he hopes will "wow" the judges, like in the song "Because of You."

"In one part of the song, that piece will be still going on, and in the background you'll hear 'Since You've Been Gone,'" Fratkin said. "Because of You" and "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" have been in the group's repertoire for a couple years, and both pieces have evolved with different solos and different choreography.

"Survivor" is the group's newest piece. "We will give it our all because it's got a whole bunch of fun," Fratkin said.

The performance starts at 7 p.m. and it costs $10 for students and $15 for the public.

For more information check out the group's Web site at www.takeitslo.com.
Mail can be read without warrant

Mail doesn't even need a warrant. At least, that's what the latest news from the Hill implies. The House just passed H.R. 6407 in December, which was specially designed to give the president and law enforcement officials the ability to nonexistent over a person in the United States a full two weeks before he has to obtain a warrant from the FISA court. Also, all of the FISA court's proceedings are classified, so there is no problem with public disclosure.

Why then, would Bush want to ignore a provision that protects American citizens from warrantless wiretaps? The only explanation is that the president is unconcerned with the separation of powers mandated by the Constitution. This is apparently done in the constant sense of urgency and in his signing statement asserted his authority to ignore it. The astronomical figure shows Bush's contempt for Congress and the separation of powers. When he uses his signing statements to bypass the judicial branch, he effectively removes the teeth from the two largest checks on his power. As Congress, trying to reign in Bush's use of signing statements, passed legislation limiting his authority to issue them. This anachronism figure shows Bush's contempt for Congress and the separation of powers. When he uses his signing statements to bypass the judicial branch, he effectively removes the teeth from the two largest checks on his power. As Congress, trying to reign in Bush's use of signing statements, passed legislation limiting his authority to issue them. This anachronism figure shows Bush's contempt for Congress and the separation of powers. When he uses his signing statements to bypass the judicial branch, he effectively removes the teeth from the two largest checks on his power.

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Shaq to miss at least 2 more games

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Tim Reynolds

The Shaquille O’Neal comeback watch will continue for at least a few more days.

O’Neal, who’s recovering from surgery to repair torn left knee cartilage, will miss at least two games before returning to the Miami Heat lineup, interim coach Ron Rothstein said.

He missed Miami’s home game Thursday night against Indiana and will not play when the Heat visits Philadelphia on Friday. The earliest he could come back is Sunday, when the Heat hosts Dallas in a rematch of last year’s NBA finalists, which Miami won in six games.

Shaq is working out, feeling good, getting better day by day, Rothstein said after the Heat’s shootaround Thursday morning. “That’s what I care about.”

Thursday’s game was the 32nd O’Neal has missed since the Nov. 19 surgery. He took part in a full contact, five-on-five workout Wednesday for the first time since the operation and said a decision on playing against the Pacers hinged on how his knee responded from that.

Rothstein said O’Neal did not have a setback and was able to take part in the shootaround, but the team is continuing to exercise caution.

O’Neal will continue working out on a daily basis.

“Each individual knows when they’re ready,” Rothstein said. “He wants to play. You think he wants to do all those court drills?”

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She did, dictating early in the second and having breakpoint at 3-0, before Petrova rallied to win the next four games and had a chance to serve for the match in the 10th. But the former top-ranked Williams broke to tie it at 5-5 and then held for 6-5.

Petrova announced herself while eating an energy bar during the changeover. That didn't help, and Williams and her capacity crowd of 15,000 increasingly behind her, won the second set when Petrova double-faulted to net.

Williams broke Petrova again twice in the third, cutting down on her unforced errors, and ended it in 2 hours, 5 minutes when Petrova netted a service return.

"I am excited," Williams said, "I am having so much fun, I feel like playing another game right now."

The 23-year-old Australian won the last of her seven majors in Melbourne in 2008. She also won the Australian title in 2002, her two triumphs at Melbourne coming after she saved match points in earlier rounds.

Williams will face No. 11 Jelena Janković or Victoria Azarenka in the fourth round.

On the men's side, 14th-seeded Novak Djokovic beat Thailand's Danai Udomchoke 6-3, 6-7, 5-7, 6-1 and will face the winner of Friday's late game between Federer vs. Mikhail Youzhny match in the fourth round.

Rain forced a delay in the start of some matches on the outside courts Friday, and the showers quickly returned, forcing a suspension in play for nearly two hours. The roofs on both Rod Laver Arena and the other showcourt were closed, allowing play to continue.

On Thursday, Rafael Nadal was also a first-round loser, falling 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 to Philipp Kohlschreiber in a second-round match.

Kohlschreiber, after zipping a shot into Nadal's left hand at 1-1 in the second set, went right at Nadal again in the next game, knocking him down with another.

Nadal blocked it back as he fell away and dropped his racket, allowing the German to hit an easy winner. Nadal got up slowly, looking over his shoulder and shaking his head.

The first one I understand, fine — you are in the net, you want to win the point," Nadal said. "But the second one... he has all court."

Kohlschreiber went for broke, ripping 48 winners and 58 unforced errors in the 3:1/2-hour match.

"He was in the way, I think," Kohlschreiber said. "It's tough, if you're not sure to pass him, go to the middle and help yourself, losing his serve three times in the third set.

"It was very important for me — a very good test, because I finished the match very physically physically," he said. "I didn't play good in the third set, didn't have confidence in my serve. But it came back."

First-seeded James Blake beating top seed Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, advancing along with fifth-seeded Mikhail Youzhny. Nikolay Davydenko, No. 8 David Nalbandian, No. 20 Fernando Gonzalez, No. 15 Andy Murray and local favorite Lleyton Hewitt.

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**Mustang men’s tennis team gets fresh start**

New head coach Justin McGrath has given the program a revamped set of goals.

Taylor Moore

**MUSTANG DAILY**

It is a season of changes for the Cal Poly men’s tennis team.

With a new freshman player, a new coach and only two remaining seniors on the team, the Mustangs have a new look and a new challenge this year.

Saturday marks the resumption of Cal Poly men’s tennis for the 2006-07 season.

After a series of tournaments in October and November, the team is ready to return to action. Cal Poly will face USC, one of its toughest opponents, on Saturday, followed by Fresno State on Sunday.

Captain Matt Baca isn’t scared of the stiff competition.

With the entrance of a new head coach, Justin McGrath, Baca as well as the rest of the team are looking forward to playing USC and Fresno State early.

McGrath, hired in August, comes from four years of successful coaching at Louisiana-Lafayette, and brings a Cal Poly winning record and the award for the 2006 Sun Belt Conference Men’s Tennis Coach of the Year.

“He expects a lot out of us and expects a lot out of himself as a coach,” Baca said. “He is better on the court and recruits better as well.”

McGrath has a very positive outlook for the season and is looking forward to getting started.

“We are going to approach each match with the same type of philosophy — to win the match,” McGrath said. “As a whole, this program is headed in the right direction.”

Of the players, Robert Foy, the new freshman, looks very promising for the Mustangs, as well as the only two seniors on the team, co-captains Baca and Kyle Rylabd.

At the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional at Stanford in October, Baca and Rylabd produced impressive results in doubles.

The pair won three consecutive matches, two of which over higher-ranked opponents.

Fred DeWitte said DeWitte is showing one of the strongest forehands of the group.

As for the matches this weekend, all Baca had to say was that the team needs to “keep composure through the match” that came down to the stiff competition.

**Brees, Saints to test Bears’ secondary**

New Orleans’ quarterback threw for 4,418 yards this season.

Andrew Seligman

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Chicago Bears cornerback Charles Tillman joked that he covers more ground in his car than Drew Brees does in the air.

“He’s passed for over 4,000 yards,” Tillman said. “I don’t even drive that fast.”

With a win over New Orleans, Chicago would advance to its first Super Bowl in 21 years. Standing in the way is the NFL’s No. 1 offense and a quarterback who passed for a league-leading 4,418 yards during the regular season.

They have one receiver, Marques Colston, who had 1,038 yards, and three others with more than 600: Devery Henderson (745), Reggie Bush (742) and Joe Horn (679). Bush also ran for 565 yards and Deuce McAllister gained 1,057, so the Saints don’t mind handing the ball off, either.

It’s easy to see why Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera called them “dynamic.” Why Tillman used words like “great,” “fiers” and “explosive.”

And why cornerback Nathan Vasher said the Saints really have to make due whether or not Horn is able to see NFC, page 10

**Colts acknowledge the Patriots mystique’**

Indianapolis will host the ever-ever AFC title game to be played in a dome, but New England has won three of the last five Super Bowls.

Dave Goldberg

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Tony Dungy calls it “the Patriot mystique” and acknowledges it’s something he and the Indianapolis Colts have to overcome to get to their first Super Bowl.

That has to be something Bill Belichick loves. One reason New England has won three NFL titles in the past five seasons is because it gets into the heads of opponents — none more so than Peyton Manning and the Colts.

Thus the theme for Sunday’s AFC championship game at the RCA Dome — the Patriots, a bit undermanned compared to previous years, against the talented but frustrated Colts, who twice have been knocked out of the playoffs by Belichick’s team on route to the Super Bowl.

“You have to play them and not their mystique, and that’s hard to do,” says Dungy, the Colts coach who has reached this point twice before without making it to the NFL’s marquee game despite a regular-season record of 114-62, a win-see AFC, page 10

**SHEILA SORCHI/REUTERS PHOTO**

Shown competing in an outdoor event as a sophomore, Cal Poly senior Sharon Day is one of the runners-up for the women’s indoor track team this season. She won an outdoor national title in the high jump two years ago.

“We have had some success — we have had several All-Americans,” said Cal Poly head coach Terry Crawford, who has coached the team for 15 years. “We definitely have made a mark, though the indoor season is not, as I like to define it, a season of emphasis.”

For many athletes, and especially those in California where “indoor is not of major significance,” as Crawford put it, the shorter indoor season is used as training grounds for the upcoming outdoor season.

“IIndoor is like getting back into things, and then in outdoor I hope to get back to where I was before I was injured,” Day said. “I feel good physically, but I have a lot of form, technique and timing to work on in order to get back into the rhythm of jumping.”

Day spent seven months last year recovering from a foot injury after breaking her fifth metatarsus. But now she’s back and ready to continue perfecting her performance in the high jump.

“We’re excited to see Sharon back in uniform, to see her get back to a national-level indoor (standing) that will enhance her outdoor season,” Crawford said.

For Ayers-Stamper, this is her last chance to compete at the collegiate level in indoor events. She wants to make the most of it. She competes in the pentathlon, a one-day, five-part event which consists of 60-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and 800-meter run. At the New Mexico Invitational, she hopes to qualify for nationals for a second consecutive season. Last year she was 13th at the NCAAIAA Indoor Championships in the pentathlon.

“If we have a good chance to make it to nationals, then why not?” she said.

Added Crawford, “We feel like our team is much ahead of where we were last year. Our coaching staff is looking for this indoor season to help us jump into, and complement, the outdoor season.”

The Mustangs opened strong at the Dempsey Indoor Preview meet last weekend in Seattle.

*Janelle Eastridge*  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The Cal Poly women’s indoor track and field team has set the bar high this season and is already off to a good start.

Last Saturday, the Mustangs ushered in the new season as seniors Sharon Day and Danielle Ayers-Stamper competed in the Dempsey Indoor Preview meet hosted by the University of Washington in Seattle.

Day, who won an outdoor national championship in the high jump two years ago as a sophomore, was second in the event with a mark of 5 feet, 8 inches. After tying for first at 5-8, Day and Portland State’s Ashley Quay won a jump-off and Quay won with a leap of 5-8 3/4.

Ayers-Stamper placed fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.17 seconds. She also tied for fifth in the high jump, clearing 5-11/4, and was 13th in the shot put with a distance of 9.66 meters.

Cal Poly competes next at the University of New Mexico Invitational from Jan. 26-27.

Indoor track and field, while more popular in cold-weather areas, contains many of the same elements of the outdoor variety with a few exceptions, such as the oval.

The season, though, is much shorter than outdoor, enabling its athletes the opportunity to compete from mid-January through February or early March.

At Cal Poly, the women’s indoor track and field program began four years ago after the athletic department made the transition to the Division I level.

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