Biomedical engineering degree blends art, science for humanity

Louise Dolby
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A new degree in biomedical engineering will be available starting fall 2006, making Cal Poly the first California State University to offer the major. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to create pacemakers, catheters and other health care devices under the new program.

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Other entrepreneurs say working while in school and starting small could be remedial steps to solve some financial problems that partake in building a business.

"We started out small," co-owner of Morro Bay Surf Company Nate Ditmore said, "We really didn't pay ourselves for the first three years."

Most entrepreneurs agree that money plays a factor, but is merely an obstacle to their success.

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million to pay down the mortgage on his Rancho Santa Fe mansion, $13.5 million to buy a Rolls-Royce and $2.081 for his daughter’s graduation party at a Washington hotel.

“The worst thing an elected official can do — he enriched himself through his position and violated the trust of those who put him there,” U.S. Attorney Carol Lam said.

Cunningham was allowed to remain free while he awaits sentencing. He also agreed to forfeit his mansion, more than $1.3 million in cash, and antiques and rugs.

The case began when authorities started investigating Cunningham’s sale of his Del Mar house to defense contractor Mitchell Wade for $1.675 million. Wade sold the house nearly a year later for $975,000 — a loss of $700,000 in a hot real estate market.

Prosecutors did not specify if the house purchase was part of Cunningham’s guilty plea.

In addition to buying Cunningham’s home at an inflated price, Wade let him live rent-free on the congressman’s yacht, the Duke Str, at a yacht club Wade’s company, MZM Inc., also donated generously to Cunningham’s campaigns.

Around the same time, MZM was winning defense contracts. MZM does classified intelligence work for the military. It had $63.5 million in contracts for intelligence-related defense work in fiscal 2004, ranking No. 38 on the Pentagon’s list. The company has established a presence in Iraq, fielding a small team of interpreters shortly after the invasion.

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to contribute to the business. In addition, both MBSC owners had previous surf shop experience from working at Wavelengths, a surf shop in Morro Bay.

“I worked the whole time at Poly and maintained 12 units at least to keep financial aid,” Dimore said.

Dimore graduated from Cal Poly in 2000 with a degree in graphic communications when he teamed up with Randazzo and dedicated his senior project to the MBSC catalog.

Randazzo graduated in business industrial technology. He then worked at Cal Poly as a business lecturer before opening the business.

“We worked 12 to 14 hours a day,” Dimore said. “We kept our day jobs and worked late nights on the company. We had a good bank relationship with a ‘good’ bank helped relieve some financial problems and allowed some business transactions and commitments to run smoother. MBSC sells urban surf-wear including T-shirts, sweatshirts, sandals and surfing materials. The shop also provides surf lessons. MBSC has two locations: one in Morro Bay and the other in Los Osos.”

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Wals finished that in addition to student demand for the major, the department will also be offered in response to the government, which is investing in the field of biomedical engineering across the nation.

“The government recognized that this is an area that is important, so they are investing in order to work to improve devices in a hospital, save in a monitoring system, change instrumentation and develop new techniques in health care,” Walsh said.

St. Jude Medical recently gave the new department $540,000 to support the new curriculum, build laboratory facilities and create research opportunities for both students and faculty. While other medical centers have contributed to the development of the new department, Walsh said St. Jude Medical has been the most active and generous in their support, giving more than $2.5 million over the last few years.

“It’s unbelievable what you can also to increase the survivability of people across nations,” Walsh said. “Through biomedical engineering, you can identify the early stages of diseases, build heart monitors and target particular chemicals in the body through studying the chemical, mechanical and physical environments of cells.”

The new program will be offered under the university’s “4+1” plan that allows students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in four years, then stay for a fifth year to earn a master’s degree.

“A simple definition of engineering is the application of science, math and art for the good of mankind,” Walsh said. “Biomedical engineering has a direct impact on individuals’ lives, benefits others and there is no other field that is more obvious.”

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Miami police go ‘in-your-face’ to deter terrorists

Curt Anderson
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MIAMI — Miami police announced Monday they will stage random shows of force at hotels, banks and other public places to keep terrorists guessing and remind people to be vigilant.

Deputy Police Chief Frank Fernandez said officers might, for example, surround a bank building, check the IDs of everyone going in and out and hand out leaflets about terror threats.

“This is an in-your-face type of strategy. It’s letting the terrorists know we are out there,” Fernandez said.

The operations will keep terrorists off guard, Fernandez said. He said al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups plot attacks by putting places under surveillance and watching for flaws and patterns in security.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. citizen has been report­ed missing in Iraq, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman said Monday.

The name of the civilian, who was among a group believed to be peace activists kidnapped on Saturday, was not immediately released.

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Elizabeth Colton said Monday that an American had been reported missing.

On Sunday, a Canadian Parliament official said that four humanitarian workers, including two Canadians, had been kidnapped.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Monday determined that China was not manipulating its currency to gain economic advan­tages but still pressed the Chinese to move more quickly to allow the yuan’s value to be set by market forces.

The administration’s determination, made in a currency report it is required to submit to Congress every six months, was certain to disappoint critics who contend that Chinese cur­rency practices play a large role in America’s trading trade deficits.

 Briefs

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Drunken driving arrests during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend declined slightly in the Bay Area this year, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Police arrested 269 people suspected of drunken driving in the region, down from 229 arrests last year. CHP also reported six fatalities on Bay Area roadways.

Statewide, police reported 1,418 DUI arrests this year compared with 1,430 in 2004.

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NAME: Eric Johnson

Year: senior

Hometown: Los Banos

Major: agricultural business and wine and viticulture

Bush presses for new immigration strategy, tighter borders

Liz Sidoti
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — President Bush on Monday tried to ease the concerns of conservatives who are wary of his guest-worker plan for foreigners, calling tough about illegal immigration and a need for tight U.S. borders to deter terrorist attacks.

"Illegal immigration is a serious challenge and our responsibility is clear: We are going to protect the border," Bush said.

After spending nearly a week at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, Bush went on the road to pitch his immigration plan — first in Tucson and again on Tuesday in El Paso, Texas. The border states are home to GOP senators who say there is a need to change immigration laws but who aren't entirely sold on Bush's vision.

The president has been urging Congress to act on a guest-worker program for more than a year. Under his plan, undocumented aliens would be allowed to get three-year work visas. They could extend that for an additional three years, but would then have to return to their home countries for a year to apply for a new work permit.

Bush's plan pairs a guest-worker program for foreigners with border security enforcement, an attempt to satisfy both his business supporters, who believe foreign workers help the economy, and other conservative backers who take a hard line on illegal immigration.

He said the program he's proposing would create a legal way to match foreign workers with American employers to fill jobs that Americans will not do.

"This program would help meet the demands of a growing economy, and it would allow honest workers to provide for their families while respecting the law," Bush said. "This plan would also help us relieve pressure on the border by creating a legal channel for those who enter America to do an honest day's labor."

Bush said his plan would reduce the number of workers trying to sneak across the border and free law enforcement officials to nab criminals, drug dealers and terrorists.

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"Enforcement alone does not work," Reid said. "Unless we address the gap between our immigration laws and reality, illegal immigration will not stop and the situation on the border will continue to be chaotic."

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‘Push fast, push hard’
Heart Association says in simpler CPR guidelines

Jamie Stengle
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DALLAS — “Push hard, push fast” next time you give CPR to someone who needs it, the American Heart Association urged Thursday in new, simpler guidelines in a radical departure from past advice.

The heart association now urges people to give 30 compressions — instead of 15 — before giving two minutes of breaths.

“Basically, the more times someone pushes on the chest, the better off the patient is,” said Dr. Michael Sayre, an Ohio State University emergency medicine professor who helped develop the guidelines announced Monday.

“We have made things simpler,” he said. “Push hard on the person’s chest and push fast.”

The streamlined guidelines should enable more people to learn CPR. Earlier rules were different for adults and children and called on untrained rescuers to stop pushing the chest periodically to check for signs of circulation.

Now, the advice is the same for all ages — 30 compressions — and you don’t have to stop to check for improvement. What’s important is to keep the blood flowing.

Sudden cardiac arrest — when the heart suddenly stops beating — can result from a variety of causes, including medical conditions, physical exertion or emotional stress. It’s most often caused by a sudden problem that affects just one area of the brain, said Jennifer K호hors of Texas CPR Training. She said the new advice makes sense.

Sudden cardiac arrest — when the heart suddenly stops beating — can occur after a heart attack or as a result of electrocution or near drowning. It’s most often caused by an abnormal heart rhythm. The person experiencing it collapses, is unresponsive and not breathing. Immediate CPR can improve the chances for survival.

While more than 300,000 Americans die from it each year, about 75 percent to 80 percent of all cardiac arrests outside a hospital happen at home, and effective CPR can double a victim’s chance of survival.

“Once the common reason many people die from cardiac arrest is no one nearby knows CPR,” Sayre said. “For the bystander that witnesses a collapse, the main danger is inaction.”

More than 9 out of 10 cardiac arrest victims die before they get to the hospital, the heart association estimated.

“The bottom line is we think more people need to learn CPR,” said Mary Fran Hanlick, a clinical nurse specialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center who also worked on the guidelines. “We have more and more evidence that good CPR works. We’re doing our best to increase the number of bystanders that learn CPR.”

Currently, about 9 million Americans a year are trained in CPR, the heart association says, but it has a goal of more than doubling that number in the next five years to 20 million.

The new guidelines call for 911 operators to be trained to provide easy-to-follow CPR instructions by phone.

The heart association also offers new guidance to professionals, calling for cooling down cardiac arrest patients to about 90 degrees Fahrenheit for 12 to 24 hours. Two significant studies have shown that practice can improve survival and brain function for those who are comatose after initial resuscitation.

There are a variety of methods — both internal and external — for cooling a person down, but the guidelines don’t recommend a specific approach.

The new guidelines also advise just one shock from a defibrillator before beginning CPR. Instead of applying the defibrillator pads up to three times before starting chest compressions, the guidelines advise rescuers to just give one shock and then do two minutes of CPR beginning before trying the defibrillator again.

Studies show that the first shock works more than 85 percent of the time.

Defibrillators have been popping up in public places like airports and businesses, but the heart association says that more public places need to install the devices. Survival rates have been as high as 49 percent to 74 percent for lay rescue programs when defibrillators are placed in canons, airports or used by police.

The new guidelines provide an opportunity for those who have learned CPR in the past to take a refresher course, said Dr. Ahmed Idris, professor of surgery and medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

“I think it’s a good idea for people to take CPR lessons at least every couple of years,” said Idris, also involved in creating the guidelines.

He led a study presented at the American Heart Association meeting earlier this month that showed CPR can be effectively taught in little more than 20 minutes. The study found that just five minutes of training on defibrillator use and 20 minutes of instruction in CPR was as effective as the standard four-hour course.

NEW YORK — Twenty-five years ago, Mark David Chapman stalked his name into history by shooting four bullets into John Lennon’s back — a desperate, senseless grab for the kind of fame the voice of a generation was so snatched up.

Instead, all he gained was infamy.

“I want to be important,” Chapman later said of his mind-set before the murder. “I want to be somebody. I was never anybody.”

The journey from nobody to notorious started in Decatur, Georgia, where he grew up with his parents and sister. After high school, Chapman worked as a camp counselor at an Atlanta YMCA and was briefly enrolled at Covenant College, a Christian university in Georgia. But he dropped out, broke off an engagement and entered a dark period of depression.

In the spring of 1977, Chapman moved to Honolulu, where he attempted to kill himself using the exhaust from a car. In the following years, Chapman, a devout Christian, would take exception to Lennon’s perceived anti-religion beliefs. At the height of Beatlemania, Lennon had famously proclaimed the Beatles “more popular than Jesus,” and later sang in “Imagine”: “Imagine there’s no heaven.”

At the same time, Chapman developed an obsession with J D Salinger’s “The Catcher in the Rye,” the landmark novel that focuses on a disaffected youth, Holden Caulfield, during a trip to New York City. Though previously a great fan of the Beatles, Chapman began attaching Caulfield’s favorite slander — “You’ll see Chapman, page 8

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Jake Cyril
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Lennon’s killer marks 25 years of infamy

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Starting today at 11 a.m., casting call auditions will be held at the Sands Suite and Motel for a new reality show looking for single young farmers in the general San Luis Obispo area.

All single farmers between the ages of 20 to 35 who live or work on a farm are invited to the auditions, which end at 4 p.m.

The show's basic premise is to pair up a cowboy with a city girl in the hope that they will find love.

Billy Kemp, head of casting for Fremantle Media, arrived Monday and has been searching ever since.

"There isn't an exact science to finding people," Kemp said. "We wanted to go to places untapped. It's like there's never been a TV show here. We had the flies and told people there's a show, and they looked at us like 'This is going to be on TV?'

San Luis Obispo was targeted as a demographic because of its agriculture and farming, and as of now, it's the only place Kemp has visited to find his star. Originally, Bakersfield was another option.

The name of the show, Kemp said, is "The Price is Right" and "Family Feud.

The secrecy is due to the nature of the business. Many reality show ideas are copied and even stolen, so far, mum's the word.

To convince people, Kemp simply tells them the companies' affiliations, which include "American Idol," "The Price is Right" and "Family Feud."

Already, the show has seen success in eight countries. But the United States has its own demands.

"The United States has a different sensibility to what it wants to see on TV," Kemp said. "With other dating shows, it's a lot more than that. It's a slice of life, a fish out of water. It puts a lot of genres into one. It's like a service to the farming community, to help them find love."

Kemp couldn't confirm that the show would be filmed in San Luis Obispo. It all depends on whether or not he can find a 'great farmer'.

What is he looking for?

"I'm looking for personality, their story, their energy," Kemp said.

Unlike other casting directors, Kemp takes his time deciding.

"I've talked to a number of people; some seem very promising, but sometimes it's not always that way. Kemp spent last night searching the San Luis Obispo bars. He planned to search Bull's Tavern and Mother's Tavern.

Ideally, he hopes to walk away from San Luis Obispo with a handful of great choices. Kemp has done freelance work for MTV, CBS and FOX before becoming the head of casting for Fremantle.

Today's turnout is unknown. For American Idol auditions, some times as many as 10,000 hopefuls show up. But Kemp's seen shows draw 500 people and others just 20. If all goes right, he'll find his one. If not, he'll just keep on roaming.

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**CD REVIEW**

Linkin Park vocalist delves into hip-hop

Alec Luhn

_MADISON, Wis._ - A straight hip-hop album from Linkin Park vocalist-keyboardist Mike Shinoda just sounds like a bad idea. After all, Linkin Park is known more for its rock than its rhymes.

But the debut album from Shinoda's side project, Fort Minor, is half-bad. _The Rising Tied_ may have a lame pun for a name, but its beats are good and the rap is somewhat decent. Jay-Z lends his expertise as executive producer and the result is a mixed bag of styles that works on some songs, but not on others. It's a step up for Shinoda from the overly emotional, high school sound of Linkin Park.

That's not to say the Linkin Park sound is entirely absent from the album. "Red To Black" and "Believe Me" feature the kind of annoyingly melodramatic refrains Linkin Park is so famous for.

A Linkin Park-style guitar echo crops up on the narrative-song "Kenji" also, but it matches the haunting lyrics well. Shinoda's rap tells the story of his Japanese-immigrant relatives who were forced into internment camps in the United States during W.W.II. The song combines bits of first-

**Overall, Shinoda's rapping skills aren't too shabby. He doesn't have a memorable voice, but he manages to sound focused and unhurried on most of the songs. He even changes it up once in a while by letting his phrases run over the bar line. But Shinoda's real accomplishment is the wide mix of musical styles Purely Rapping uses as a backdrop to his rapping. "High Road" is based on pop-piano riffs, with some tambourine thrown in for good measure. Even the more standard raps have some unusual touches, like the single, "Petriified," which stars off with a strange ambient echo before turning into a bouncing party tune.

Shinoda's at his best when sharing vocal duties with a guest artist. Common makes the funky "Back Home" come alive, and John Legend adds a catchy chorus to "High Road."

"The Rising Tied" also features lesser-known artists signed to Warner Bros. Recordings. Holly Brook provides a chorus on "Where You Go" that sounds like Dido on Eminence's "Stan," and Styles of Beyond adds some street-cred to several tracks.
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The best song on the album is the Houston-style slow groove "Cigarettes," which is actually all Shinoda. The lyrics scorn the "guns, drugs and misogyny" of modern hip-hop — themes Shinoda avoids on "The Rising Tied." The way he ties his love for popular rap to smoking cigarettes makes the song more than a rant: "It’s just like a cigarette, nobody’s really fooled / I don’t want the truth, I wanna feel f-cking cool."

But even though Shinoda’s lyrics are different from most Top-40 rap, he still tries to get the same sound on several tracks. "In Stereo" is a pointless attempt to mimic the club-stomping style of artists like 50 Cent, minus the raunchy lyrics. Shinoda is hardly comparable to 50 in this aspect, and the track fails miserably.

Shinoda’s concern with keeping his lyrics fresh backfires at times, such as on "Remember The Name," where he raps lame verses about himself. The chorus is unique but sounds forced: "This is 10 percent luck, 20 percent skill, 15 percent concentrated power of will / Five percent pleasure, 50 percent pain, and 100 percent reason to remember the name."

Some of the samples on the CD go awry as well, such as Shinoda’s recorded conversation at the beginning of "Get Me Gone." The explanation deflates the song, which is meant to be a poignant reply to early critics of Shinoda’s role in Linkin Park, but turns into a whiny complaint instead.

All in all, the songs on "The Rising Tied" hit exhilarating highs and depressing lows, making it a unique but flawed attempt. For fans of Linkin Park or rap with a message, this album isn’t a bad buy. But anyone looking for the next 50 Cent would do well to pass this one over.
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"It was like a runaway train," Chapman would later say of his desire to kill Lennon. "There was no stopping it."
Just after 10:50 p.m., the couple exited their limousine and began walking into the Dakota. Chapman
unloaded, hitting the 40-year-old Lennon with all but one shot. Then, without a word, he sat down and
opened "The Catcher in the Rye."
The man whose songs and lyrics had meant so much to so many, died on the way to the hospital.
The outpouring of grief was immediate — as was confusion. Who was Chapman? Why did he do it?
Chapman gave a statement to police that evening: "I have a small
part of me that cannot understand the way I did this, and I admit I did not want to kid anybody and I really
don't know why I did it."
Chapman offered few answers. Chapman was expected to mount an insanity defense; a psy-
chologist diagnosed him as a paranoid schizophrenic. Instead, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to
20 years to life. He has since joined New York's Attica Correctional facility, where he has been kept sep-
arate from the jail's general public for his own safety.
There are, of course, Beatles fans everywhere.
Chapman has not been silent since being jailed. He has given several interviews, most excessively to Jack
Jones, who turned their conversations into a book entitled "Let Me Feelings Inside the Mind of Mark David Chapman."
It was announced just weeks ago that a script is in the works about
Chapman and the days leading up to the murder. The film will star Jared
Leto as Chapman and Lindsay Lohan as a Lennon fan who befriends
Chapman.

Though Ono has not publicly commented on the film, her
spokesman, Elliot Mintz, has criti-
cized a recent, two-hour "Dateline
NBC" special on Chapman.
"The timing of this is macabre," Mintz said. "(Oono thinks it's out-
trous. ... It sends a message to
other disturbed people that killing is a way to fame."

Newson Larry Kane, who recently wrote the book "Lennon Revealed," agrees.
"Chapman is not the story." Kane says. "It's the ending of the story, but he's not the story.
The story is the 25 years of achievement John Lennon managed, the music and poetry he left behind and the feeling of creation.
Chapman has come up for parole three times, and each time been denied. He'll again go before the parole board in October, but according to Charles P.
Ewing, a professor of law at the University of Buffalo, his chances are between "slim and none of ever being paroled."
"Every parole applicant's life cap ever get parole and his case has gen-
5orated so much negative publicity," Ewing says.

In October, 2004, the parole board said Chapman killed Lennon for the
attention, and that, "although proven true, such rationale is bizarre and
morally corrupt.
Pennsylvania have been submitted opposing his release, and Ono has, at
each parole hearing, sent a letter say-
ing that if he were set free, "myself
and John's two sons would not feel safe for the rest of our lives."
"I'm dying," she said, "managed to
to change my whole life, devastate
his sons and bring deep sorrow and
feature to the world."
Releasing Chapman would "carry back
the nightmare, the chaos and the confu-
sion once again."
Saddam lashes out at U.S., "occupiers and invaders" in second trial session

Hamza Hendawi  
AASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A combative Saddam Hussein lashed out Monday at his treatment by American "occupiers and invaders" and lectured the chief judge about leadership as his trial resumed in a rambling and unfocused session.

Two of the seven other defendants also spoke out during the 2 1/2-hour hearing, complaining of their treatment in detention or dissatisfaction with their court-appointed counsel.

The court's tolerance of such comments drew sharp complaints from Shiite politicians who contended the tribunal is trying too hard to accommodate an ostentatious dictator who should have already been convicted a place years after his arrest.

Saddam, immaculately groomed and wearing Western clothes, rushed quickly to his seat, greening people along the way with the traditional Arabic greeting, "Peace be upon the people of peace." He cradled a copy of the Quran.

He began with a verse from the Muslim holy book that reminds believers who aspire for heaven that God knows who actually participated in jihad, or holy war: "You thought you would be rewarded with heaven, but if God doesn't know who took part in jihad and who has persevered!"

He then complained that he had to walk up four flights of stairs in shackles and accompanied by "foreign guards" because the elevator was not working.

The chief judge, Zipar Mohammed Amim, said he would tell the police not to let that happen again.

"You are the chief judge," Saddam snapped back, "I don't want you to tell them. I want you to order them. They are in our country. You have the sovereigns. You are Iraq and they are foreigners and occupiers. They are invaders. You should order them.

Saddam also complained that some of his papers had been taken from him.

"How can a defendant defend himself if his pen was taken?" Saddam Hussein's pen and papers were taken. I don't mean a white paper. There are papers downstairs that include my remarks in which I express my opinion," he said.

Amin ordered bailiffs to give Saddam pen and paper.

The tribunal allowed former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and prominent lawyers from Qatar and Jordan to join the defense team as advisors, a move aimed at convincing foreign human rights groups that the trial would meet international standards of fairness.

"Am I the chief judge ordered all handcuffs and shackles removed from the defendants before they entered the courtroom — another gesture toward the accused.

The defendants stood accost of killing more than 140 Shiite Muslims after an assassination attempt against Saddam in the Shiite town of Dujail in 1982. Connections could not be made to any sentence of death by hanging.

None of the nearly 35 prosecution witnesses testified Monday, as the prosecution entered into evidence two videotapes — one shot in the aftermaths of the assassination attempt showing Saddam in military uniform interrogating three villagers. The second was a videotaped statement by former intelligence officer Wadah Jawad al-Shiekh made last month shortly before he died of cancer.

Amin read the transcript as the tape played without sound. According to the transcript, al-Shiekh, who appeared trail and sat in a wheelchair on a U.S.-controlled hospital, said about 400 people were detained after the assassination attempt, although he estimated only seven to 12 gunmen actually participated in the ambush of Saddams's convoy.

"I don't know why so many people were arrested," al-Shiekh said, adding that Ibrahim, head of intelligence at the time, "was the one directly giving the orders."

A day after the assassination attempt, whole families were rounded up and taken to Abu Ghraib prison, he said.

Afghan government: U.S. 'very lenient' in punishing soldiers for burning bodies

Daniel Cooney  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Government attorneys said Monday the U.S. military has been "very lenient" in punishing American soldiers for burning the bodies of two Taliban fighters in an incident caught on camera.

The U.S. military said Saturday that four soldiers would face disciplinary action but not criminal charges since their actions were motivated by logistic concerns.

"The punishment is very lenient," said Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Mamdouh al-Khafaji. "The burning of the bodies is against our Islamic and Afghan traditions. It is totally unacceptable and it should not be repeated under any circumstances again."

Islam bans cremation. Afghan media have reported the digital destruction but have not broadcast the images, and there have been no demonstrations over the incident. Still, some clerics and modern-minded people have complained the images to photographs of U.S. troops abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison.

TV footage reported Oct. 1 in a violent part of southern Afghanistan showed American soldiers sitting on fires to the bodies and then boxing about the act oncamera. A senior inspector suspected to be killed in a nearby village.

An Afghan commission immediately launched an inquiry and vowed that anyone found guilty would be punished, and that the incident could undermine public support for their efforts against a stubborn insurgency four years after the Taliban fell.

The U.S.-led coalition's operations commander, Maj. Gen. John Kain, told a news conference Saturday that two junior officers who ordered the bodies burned would be reprimanded for showing a lack of cultural and religious understanding, but the men had been arrested for doing anything wrong.

Two noncommissioned officers would not be reprimanded for using the burning of the bodies to taunt the rebels. Kain said they also would face nonjudicial punishment, which could include a loss of pay or denoma- tion in rank.

He said the military investigation showed there was no violation of the rules of war. The Geneva Convention forbids the burning of corpses except for hygienic purposes.

The temperature at the time was 91, and the bodies had been burned exposed in a helipad for 24 hours. They were rapidly decomposing, posing a health risk to soldiers who wanted to lay on the dead or up to three days, the general said.

The TV footage shows four soldiers in high-colored military fatigues without distinguishing stars standing near a bonfire in which two bodies laid side by side.

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Perhaps you were concerned about the remaining 19 percent of sexual abuse victims who were merely practicing homosexuality. Actually, if thou used to be gay, but stopped being gay at least three years ago, thou art a sho-in. According to the Vatican's official directive concerning the admission of homosexuals to the priesthood, "the Church...may not admit to the (priesthood) those who practice homosexuality, show profoundly deep-rooted heterosexual tendencies, or support the so-called gay movement..." If, however, one is dealing with homosexual tendencies that may be simply the expression of a transitory problem, such as for example an adolescence not yet complete, such tendencies must be overcome at least three years before ordination to the priesthood.

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fill in role players around them. 

One of those role players was hometown's talent Chebe Hayes, who was born in Atascadero, but left the friendly confines of home for Saint Mary's. Hayes enjoyed playing with Stevenson enough at Saint Mary's, she chose to return to the Central Coast. In 

2004 Cal Poly lacked a single player 

with under 12 a game, with 

the introduction of Hayes she led 

the team with over 12 a game. 

The combination of all these players made for a successful 2005 season. The Mustangs rolled 

through their preseason and early regular season games to post a 7-1 record. They then they faced the 

University of San Francisco and were 

handily swept in three games. They followed up this loss with a defeat to fellow Big West competi-

tor Cal State Northridge. After 

those back-to-back defeats, Cal Poly rallied off a 12-2 record to end the season. 

One of those losses was against 

Long Beach State, it was one of the best matches Cal Poly played all year. 

Though they lost in four games, each game was closely contested and the team used what they learned from the loss to drive them to the end of the year, where the team scored a late season win against Long Beach State to average their 

prior loss. 

After being predicted to finish fourth in the Big West at the begin-

ning of the year, the Cal Poly women's volleyball team managed to take a relatively inexperienced team to the verge of a playoff berth for the first time since 2002. If the team can stay together they will be a formidable Big West Conference power to rival Long Beach State and UCSB.

Underseeding?

The Big-12 had seven teams selected for the field of 64 teams, a pair of which Stevenson said were questionable. Stevenson said that Kansas, with its 15-14 overall record, and Colorado at 15-12, received the benefit of playing in a power conference. 

Northwestern is another school with debatable qualifications, finishing the season at 19-11. The team was 2-9 against opponents in the top 25, according to the Kern rating system. But who took Cal Poly's spot in the tournament? While those three teams could have been factors, Stevenson also named the University of Nevada as a potential candidate. 

Stevenson was almost certain the team was tournament-bound, only to find out otherwise. "I don't know if deserve is the right word, but we were good enough! Absolutely," Stevenson said.
Cinderella story ends before midnight

Despite a 19-6 overall record and wins at home against UC Santa Barbara and at Long Beach State, Cal Poly was left out of the NCAA tournament.

Frank Strazan
MUSTANGS DAILY

The stage was set for a fairytale ending to a Cinderella story Sunday morning, but Cal Poly’s volleyball team didn’t even make it to the dance before the stroke of midnight ended their season.

The Mustangs didn’t receive a bid to the NCAA tournament as just two Big West teams, UC Santa Barbara and Long Beach State, qualified. “We look at win-loss record, strength of schedule and non-conference strength of schedule,” said Sharon Cessna, the director of championship of NCAA and liaison to the selections committee. “Cal Poly did not have a strong enough non-conference strength of schedule to get a at-large bid.”

Cessna doesn’t have a vote during the selection process, but she speaks for the committee after the brackets have been posted.

Cal Poly was under consideration and its overall record was tournament worthy, but the strength of schedule was the determining factor, Cessna said.

But Cal Poly volleyball coach Jon Stevenson said the story wasn’t necessarily who they didn’t play, but why they couldn’t. In the midst of Stevenson being hired last season, Cal Poly’s schedule had already been set. He frantically searched for games to add to the schedule, booking the University of Southern California, a tournament team, nearly a month before the season began and the University of San Francisco, Stevenson said.

Unfortunately, those two were the only teams Stevenson could find that late in the year, he said. “I feel bad for our kids because they did nothing wrong,” Stevenson said. “They just didn’t have the opportunity.”

A telling statistic could have been Cal Poly’s 1-2 record against teams ranked 51-100, Stevenson said, comparing his team to Cal State Northridge and the University of the Pacific.

Stevenson also cited a controversial loss to Cal State Northridge in the Mustangs’ Big West Conference opener as a damaging blow.

Conference struggles

“I was told by at least 10 people that the No. 3 team in the Big West is a lock for the tournament,” Stevenson said.

The Big West was ranked as the seventh best conference in the nation by the Rich Kern conference ranking system. Using a methodology that takes the conference overall performance into consideration, the Kern rating system placed Cal Poly behind such conferences as the Pac-10, Big Ten and the Big 12. According to the Kern system, the Big West was ninth in the nation in 2004, and still managed to send six bids to the NCAA tournament.

This season, the Big West was extended two invitational bids.

“It’s a far cry from a fair-as-you-can-be national competition. I believe some teams are overlooked,” Stevenson said. “I believe some teams are overrated. I believe some regions, every year that I’ve been involved, are terribly off-balanced.”

Kristin Jackson was instrumental in Cal Poly’s rise from the Big West cellar to a third place finish. She led the team in digs with 427.

Gimmillaro said that geography and financial implications of sending a team across the country to play can influence the selection committee’s decision.

Kathy Gregory, UC Santa Barbara’s volleyball coach, said her team’s early season failures combined with Long Beach State’s that the No. 5 team in the Big West and a 19-6 overall record was not a known volleyball power. But in one year, he coached that team to a 25-4 record, a second place finish in the West Coast Conference, two wins against eventual national champs Stanford, a remarkable jump in the national RPI rankings from 235 to 13 and a Sweet Sixteen appearance. When he made his way to San Luis Obispo he brought a winning attitude that would propel his team to a similar SMC turnaround.

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