Kaczynski conceded to mental defense before suicide try

By Richard Cole

SACRAMENTO Hours before his apparent suicide attempt, a tired Theodore Kaczynski reluctantly agreed to keep his lawyers, despite their insistence on using a mental illness defense, according to court transcripts released Thursday.

Your Honor, if this had happened a year and a half ago, I would probably have elected to represent myself," the Unabomber suspect said in the judge's chambers during a closed-door hearing Jan. 5.

"Now, after a year and a half with this, I'm too tired, and I really don't want to take on such a difficult task," Kaczynski said.

He then asked to be taken back to the Sacramento County jail. Marshals say he tried to hang himself in his cell that night with his underwear.

The next morning, the 55-year-old defendant brought the trial to a halt with his startling demand to represent himself.

On Thursday, Kaczynski was undergoing a court-ordered mental competency examination to determine whether he can stand trial. He faces a 10-count indictment accusing him of four Unabomber attacks, and if convicted could be sentenced to death.

Partially edited transcripts of closed-door hearings on Jan. 5 and Jan. 7 show U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. attempting to smooth over Kaczynski's disputes with his lawyers, Quin Denis and Judy Clarke.

"I don't think it's likely that the matter can be resolved that easily," Kaczynski said. "My lawyers have suggested that I should make it clear to you what I want. And what I'm looking for is a change of counsel."

Kaczynski apparently wrote up his own ideas on the dispute and the defense he wanted. At one point he handed the judge a sheaf of documents.

"I had something that may be just a wild conjecture only, but ... Kaczynski said as he gave his writings to the judge. Those documents remain sealed by the court, and references to their contents were deleted from the transcripts released Thursday.

The transcripts also showed that Burrell and Denvir were thinking about a competency examination as early as Jan. 5, three days before it was ordered.

By Andi Joseph

The discussion over the proposed final exam schedule change continued when the ASI Board of Directors met on Wednesday.

The proposal consists of a three-hour, six-day schedule with the common final exam time on the Saturday before finals week.

Vice Provost Linda Dalton and Class Scheduler Debbie Arsenau were present to answer questions and clarify the proposal.

Dalton said the change in the final exam schedule is inevitable.

"There are problems with the existing exam schedule and we have no choice but to make some changes in it," she said. "This is an issue that has been emerging for more than 20 years, but it has become particularly important as we move to four-unit courses."

The board had its misgivings about the Saturday final.

Specifically, the first of the problems with the new finals schedule is that with the new four-unit course curriculum change, there wouldn't be enough time during the week to accommodate all the new three-hour finals blocks.

Another problem is that new material could be presented on the last Friday of dead week, and then students would be tested the next day (Saturday), according to Rubba Musarka, ASI vice chairman.

But Arsenau said Saturday finals are just an option for professors.

"It's not every section of a particular class. It really depends on the instructor," she said, adding that if students have any problems with their final schedules, rescheduling will always be an option.

"There are words right now in the final exam statement for..."

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Kaczynski's bike

By Britt Feke

Many Cal Poly students have part-time jobs—they slave waiting tables or working a cash register to help pay for school. Ryan Nyquist gets paid to ride his bike.

Nyquist, a mechanical engineering freshman, said the classic response when he tells someone he rides professionally is one of humorous surprise. He said people ask him: "You ride one of those little bikes? I rode BMX when I was 4."

However modest, Nyquist is confident about his talent. He is ranked fourth in the nation as a freestyle street rider and loves to ride. This can be seen in his bright, eager eyes and friendly face as he talks about his sport.

"I know what I can do," he said.

Two years ago Nyquist began competing at a professional level..."
Initiative to renew affirmative action needs signatures

Law students from U.C. Berkeley who wrote an initiative to bring affirmative action back into education will be in the Multicultural Center Friday at 4 p.m. The students will have information about the initiative, called the Educational Opportunity Initiative, and need volunteers.

In order to put the initiative on the ballot, Students for Educational Opportunity—the group of students who drafted the initiative—need to gather close to 1 million registered signatures. To do so, they will be traveling to campuses around the state seeking support.

The students will train volunteers who can get signatures and register voters, and encourage the formation of a Students for Educational Opportunity chapter at Cal Poly.

Affirmative action was removed from education and all state agencies by Proposition 209.

For more information about today’s meeting or the Equal Opportunity Initiative, call the Multicultural Center at 756-1490.

Psychological Services offers support groups

For Winter quarter, Psychological Services is offering individual, couple and group counseling as well as large group seminars. All meetings and consultations, with the exception of seminars, are completely confidential.

This quarter there are already many scheduled support groups offered to supplement the one-on-one counseling services offered by Psych Services.

A Women’s Process Support Group has been created to address the needs of lesbian and bisexual women on campus and will be facilitated this quarter by Lois Dirks. Dirks also facilitates a women’s group aimed at identifying issues that affect how women take care of themselves.

Also offered this quarter is an anger management group which helps students gain understanding of their anger. It is being facilitated by John Beal. Beal also facilitates a healthy eating group which tackles the problem of eating disorders. Psych Services staff member Joe Diaz will be conducting a seminar on improving students’ interpersonal relationships with others.

Reid said the therapy offered at Psych Services is not a direct solution but rather a means of allowing students to identify problems in their lives and looking for the cause in order to focus on changing that particular aspect of their lives.

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level. He decided to go pro because his scores at the expert (non-pro) level were higher than most of those racing professionally. A rider can decide on his own to go pro.

Nyquist began racing and dirt jumping in seventh grade. While building dirt jumps at various spots in and around Los Gatos, he met people who showed him other places to ride.

When the skateboarding craze started, Nyquist said he stuck to biking while most people quit. His determination to master riding explains why biking has become so important to Nyquist. Nyquist said the adrenaline rush he gets when he rides tells him this is his life and not just a phase.

Like others first learning a talent or skill, Nyquist said he went through a learning stage, spending time to get “dialed in” to master the moves in riding.

“I crashed a few times,” he recalled.

Nyquist placed fourth in the dirt jumping competition with a score of $125 this weekend at a race in Reso, sponsored by the American Bike Association.

“I crashed a few times,” he said. “Every once in a while I take a good digger.”

Last quarter Nyquist participated in Lambha Chi Alpha’s Thrash-A-Thon. This was a positive experience for him because he was able to share his talent with students and spur their interest in his sport. Nyquist said it’s easy to assume certain things about his appearance and personality than adults. Nyquist, who sports a trimmed, green moustache, said most adults compare him to skateboarders, and therefore think he is grumpy, dirty and has an inclination to break things.

But Nyquist said they’re wrong.

“I don’t think I’m a hoodlum,” he said.

A misunderstanding occurred last summer at the skateboarding park in San Luis Obispo. Nyquist had just moved to San Luis Obispo to start school at Cal Poly. His brother, Ian, a senior at Cal Poly, showed Nyquist the park.

He went in and started riding. A while later, Nyquist said a woman came into the park and wanted him to stop riding, saying he couldn’t be there because bikers were not allowed because of insurance reasons.

Nyquist said he tried to explain to her that he was a professional rider and needed somewhere to practice. He said she wouldn’t listen and was “running all around telling him he would have to ‘take it up with the city’.”

Nyquist said that he usually goes home to Los Gatos or San Jose to practice when he doesn’t have a race. There are also good places to ride about 30 minutes north and south from San Luis Obispo, he said.

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You are going to HELL. Only the LORD can SAVE you!!!!

Editor,
Like many other ordinary and unassuming students who attend Cal Poly, I enjoy the privilege of relaxing and absorbing the recently scarce, mid-day sunlight which radiates into the U.U. Plaza. This haven is perfect for studying, people watching, or even using as a soporific podium to announce upcoming events to all people within shouting distance.

Unfortunately for me on Tuesday, the line of kindly announcing and promoting events was crossed when two Bible-pushing blasphemer tried to "encourage" me and others sitting near me, to attend their bible study. No bars done there. The problem arose after I politely refused their flyer and offer, and continued to read my Mustang Daily.

Instead of moving on to the next person, the two "solicitors" persisted on staying and tried to delve into my personal reasons for resisting them. This information was none of their business so I just stated "personal beliefs." That was a bad choice of words on my part. They rudely decided to continue the investigation into my "corrupt soul" by asking if I had ever read the Bible or if I was knowledgeable about it. Sure I was. I always had conversations with my grandfather who was a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene and also holds a Doctorate in Sociology. Along with my father, he has always wanted me to make up my own mind in regard to religion. So my personal beliefs would be just that, mine. I CHOOSE Atheism.

This revelation sent the two scurrying out looking down on the person.

Thorn Hollister is an aeronautical engineering sophomore.

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GOD! Leave me alone

Boy Scouts of America never claimed to be tolerant

Editor,
For decades the three "G's" girls, gays, and the godless filed numerous suits against the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) claiming that the organization is discriminatory. The more I think about it, the more I realize that it is, but that's not the point. The Boy Scouts of America is a "membership organization" and is not obligated to abide by section two of the 1964 Civil Rights Amendment.

The real argument is the question that follows: Is it in the right judicial system to tell the Boy Scouts of America how to run its programs if there is no violation of the law? The view taken by the Boy Scouts of America is not a tolerant view, and that's unfortunate. However, the BSA was not, never has been, nor claims to be a tolerant organization.

Here's a quick analogy: If the KKK does not want to allow gays, blacks, or Jews into its organization nobody makes a fuss. It's the members right to run the program that way, but, if the BSA does it, then something is terribly wrong.

I sincerely hope that the BSA changes its policies and allows Atheists and homosexuals to participate in the organization. More importantly, I hope it comes to that conclusion on its own and not by court order. After all, an organization that has helped create numerous presidents, senators, Olympic athletes and Nobel Peace Prize winners can't be all that bad.

Brian Shapiro is a political science senior and an Eagle Scout.

Scouting environment too close for gays

Editor,
With all of the accusations and opinions being thrown around about homosexuals in Boy Scouts, I have a story to tell about a situation that happened to me while in Boy Scouts.

I was 16 years old when a new scout master took charge of my troop. He was a great leader and related very well with everyone. He had been in charge of the troop for about a year when he had just started that he was being investigated for improper conduct. I was shocked and asked "what for?" He had given one of the Boy Scouts a "itty-twister" which left a two-inch bruise on his chest. After hearing that, I remarked how the same thing had been done to me. After that, the FBI conducted an investigation in which the scoutmaster was permanently banned from all Scout activities. I felt that was a little harsh for what he had done until a year later when I learned that the same man left his wife and two children, quit his job and moved in with a gay lover. I also learned from a psychiatrist that his "itty-twisters" were a form of sexual arousal, as insignificant as they seemed to me and others we were, in a way, victimized.

Scouting is not the proper environment where homosexuals can actively participate. It simply would not allow the closeness and comfort that a heterosexual scout leader and scout form over the years. My feelings are not that homosexuals in scouting are 100-percent wrong, but it can possibly provide the opportunity for inappropriate behavior. As small a chance as that may be, that is not the risk I would like my child to be exposed to when on a camping trip.

Jason Koltenbach is a mechanical engineering junior and an Eagle Scout.

NOW says thanks to breast and crotch columnist

Editor,
This is in response to Julie O'Shea's opinion column, "The breasts and the crotch," in the Wed, Jan. 14 edition of Mustang Daily. The Cal Poly chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) would like to commend O'Shea on her critique of today's consumer culture and the advertisers' exploitation of women, and also move on for that matter. This issue was at the forefront of California NOW's Women's Health Project in 1997 and prompted a video, "Reeducating Liberation: Advertising, It's Your Body, Your Parish Now" which depicts the atrocities O'Shea so generously pointed out.

Valerie Hansen is a Cal Poly NOW State Board Delegate and English senior.

Mustang Daily welcomes and encourages contributions from readers. Letters should be submitted complete with name, major or department, class standing and telephone number. We reserve the right to edit grammar, spelling errors and length without changing the meaning of what is written. Letters sent via e-mail will be given preference and can be sent to jhoro@polycommail.calpoly.edu. Fax your contribution to 756-6744 or drop letters by Building 26, Suite 226.
Residence Hall - Inter Hall Council

Inter-Hall Council (IHC) is assisting the Department of Housing and Residential Life in undertaking a market study to evaluate the extent and type of demand that exists for additional on campus student housing. The information gathered in the following student housing survey will be very useful in determining what if anything should be built on campus. Your input is needed.

Additional information regarding this project is available on the web at www.housing.calpoly.edu/capitaldevelopment

CAL POLY STUDENT HOUSING SURVEY

1. Do you (or did you) live in a dorm at Cal Poly? YES □ NO □
   If yes, list dorm(s)?

2. What year(s) did you live in a dorm? (check all that apply)
   Freshman □ Sophomore □
   Junior □ Senior □

3. Were you a transfer student? YES □ NO □

4. What do/did you like best about the experience?

5. What do/did you like least about the experience?

6. What year are you currently in school?
   Freshman □ Sophomore □
   Junior □ Senior □

7. What is your current marital/family status? (check one)
   Single □ Single with children □
   Married □ Married with children □

8. What is your current housing type?
   Apartment □ Room in house □ Dorm □
   Parent' home □ Fraternity/Sorority □ Other □

9. What is your zip code?______________________

10. Why did you choose this living option?

11. How many roommates and/or housemates do you have? _____________________________

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12. What is your monthly housing cost (rent and utilities for your share only)? ____________________________

13. Do you have a car? YES □ NO □
   If yes, what do you pay monthly for parking? ____________________________

14. If you live off campus, do you use public transportation to commute to school? YES □ NO □ N/A □

15. What is your average monthly food and beverage food cost? (excluding alcohol)
   Groceries $_________
   Eating Out $_________
   Meal Plan $_________ for _________ meals per week

16. How many meals per week do you prepare or eat at home? ____________________________

17. How would you describe your living condition? Better than satisfactory □ Satisfactory □ Unsatisfactory □

18. What would you change about your current situation? ____________________________

19. Would you consider living in non-dorm style student housing on campus? ______ Why or why not? ______

20. Indicate the importance of the following characteristics in your living situation: (check one for each category)

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21. Would you be interested in living in a private but small efficiency studio? ____________________________

22. What would be your realistic "ideal" living environment as a non-freshman?

   Type of Housing: Apartment □ House □ Dorm □ Other ____________________________
   Monthly Rent: $_________
   Location: On-Campus □ Off-Campus □ Any particular neighborhood/area ____________________________
   Amenities: Pool □ Gym □ Big Screen TV □ Common Area Lounge □ Other ____________________________
   Community: Social Programs □ Tutoring/Academic Programs □ Other ____________________________
   Technology: Multiple phone lines □ Ethernet connection □ Other ____________________________
   Other: ____________________________

23. Any other comments regarding possible on-campus housing? ____________________________

Thank you for your time in filling out this survey. Please drop off this survey at any residential hall front desk, or the drop box at the University Union Information Desk, or put in the Campus mail addressed to Department of Housing and Residential Life. Surveys should be submitted by January 23, 1998.

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Where in Cal Poly is Tina Yothers?
The Industrial Technology Society decided that April Fools' Day should come a little early this year.

To attract people to its Thursday meeting, the society hung a banner announcing that a special guest speaker—namely Tina Yothers—would attend the meeting.

Yothers played Jennifer Keaton on the 1980s sitcom "Family Ties." Adding a random celebrity's name to banners is a running joke with ITS—a social club that meets every other Thursday at 11 a.m.

Students who showed up at the meeting hoping for a chance to meet the 80s personality were told that the banner was merely a publicity ploy to draw students to the meeting.

At ITS's next meeting on Jan. 29, Cal Poly Industrial Technology graduate and real guest Ryan Guerrero will speak to the club.

Dr. Baker did approve a referendum for health services fees," said ASI President Cindy Entz. "There will be a referendum and it will be held during dead week, March 11 and 12."

The fee would include an increase of $14 per year and an increase of $8 of the $6.50 per year after the fee has not been increased in five years.

The board also approved a motion for $2,000, with a $500 contingency, to come from Foundation reserves to fund a draft seven-year renovation plan for the University Union.

The board also approved a motion to hire the secretarial and accounting technician positions at the Children's Center from temporary to regular.

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Nyquist says it is growing because more people are getting interested in it.

Nyquist chose mechanical engineering as his major because it combines a little of everything he is interested in. He likes to study physics and is interested in metals because of their use in making bikes. Although he doesn't know exactly what he wants to do when he graduates, he said he is happy with his major and with his life of bike riding.

"It (biking) has become my lifestyle. I hope to do it for a long time," he said.

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Cursed sex drive. Oh well, fate be damned! I'm going in!
Baseball council approves changes to playoff format

By Mel Reisner
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Baseball's executive council approved changes to the postseason format Wednesday night, giving more advantage to the teams with the best regular-season records.

Teams with the top records — excluding wild cards — will have the home-field advantage in the first two rounds of the playoffs, under the resolution approved by the council. In addition, the teams with the best records will have the home fields in Games 1, 2 and, if necessary, 5.

Until now, the teams with the home-field advantage in the first two rounds have been designated before the season. In the first round, the team with the home-field advantage was the host for Games 3-5 after playing the first two games on the road.

The changes must be approved by all owners, who next meet from March 17-19 at St. Petersburg, Fla. No opposition appears to exist.

In addition, the changes must be approved by the players' association, Fox, NBC and ESPN.

Meanwhile, acting commissioner Bud Selig repeated that the Minnesota Twins cannot survive without a new stadium, then sidestepped questions about whether that guarantees a move to North Carolina for the 1999 season.

"There's no question that North Carolina is a great area. It will be an extraordinarily attractive area someday for a big league baseball team," Selig said after the council's 4 1/2-hour meeting.

The Minnesota Legislature missed a Nov. 30 deadline to approve a stadium financing plan to keep the Twins, and North Carolina voters will be asked to vote May 5 on two new taxes that would bankroll part of a $230 million stadium to land them.

But Selig said the vote in North Carolina's Triad area was beside the point.

"That is not an issue," he said. "That is not going to affect what happens in Minnesota."

The council, all that remained of a full owners meeting that Selig canceled last week, met earlier in committees to discuss the proposed franchise move and the pending sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers to Fox Sports, a division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

North Carolina businessman Don Beaver hopes to acquire the Twins and move them to the Triad area around Greensboro — about 90 minutes either direction from Raleigh and Charlotte.

Twins owner Carl Pohlad signed a letter of intent last year to sell to Beaver, but left the door open to stay put if Minnesota legislators agreed to subsidize construction of a new stadium.

Without a binding agreement, other owners will not act.

"The ball is in their court to come back with something," Pohlad said. "We haven't offered anything yet. The ball is in the court of the Legislature, it's up to them."

Atlanta Braves chairman Bill Bartholomay, the ownership commitee chairman, experts to have a recommendation before the next owners meeting.

"Dodgers owner: Peter O'Malley addressed the committee and discussed some open items that need to be resolved," Bartholomay said.

He acknowledged that many owners wish the Twins would stay in Minneapolis.

"I can't imagine the Twin Cities without major league baseball, but on the other hand, the realities suggest that they have to address the stadium issue and the level of support," Bartholomay said.

Tom Schieffer, who will stay on as president of the Texas Rangers despite the proposed sale of the franchise to Tom Hicks, echoed the comment.

SPORTS