Kaczynski conceded to mental defense before suicide try

By Richard Calé
Associated Press

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, but the U.S. Marshals 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.

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 19-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 Demvyr 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.

The transcripts also showed that Burrell and Demvyr were thinking about a competency examination as early as Jan. 5, three days before it was ordered.
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level. He decided to go pro because his scores at the expert non-pro level were higher than many of those racing professional ly a rider can decide on his own to professional.

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
began, Nyquist said he stuck to lok ing while most people quit. His
determination to master riding explains why his boss 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 tail ort or skill, Nyquist said he went through a learning stage, spend ing
time to get “dialed in” to mas ter 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

Psych. Services

X-Games. 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 insur ance 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 speaking “all around” telling him he would have to “take it up with the city.”

“I guess I kinda rushed the place. I didn’t ask to use the ramps,” he said.

The main reason Nyquist said he was “kinda bummed” with being told to leave was because the lady wouldn’t even listen to his explanation.

“They never even make an exception because I ride professionally,” he said.

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 from San Luis Obispo, he said.

Riding professionally can be profitable, and this is one of the many positive aspects of riding for Nyquist.

“I get paid to do what I would do normally,” he said.

According to Nyquist, X-Games in San Diego, Nyquist won a total of $3,000 for placing third in the dirt course and 19th in the street course. Although some of the prize money does go to help pay for school, Nyquist said he is saving most of it for a rainy day.

Four or five times a year, ESPN sponsors street course com petitions. A group of judges add up the points for all riders and ranks them by points. The top 20 are then invited to compete in the X-Games, which includes roller blading and skateboarding. To compete in the Games, sponsored by ESPN 2, a competitor must be professional.

“It is the biggest competition for skateboards, bikers and
roller bladers,” Nyquist said.

Nyquist said he hopes to compete in future
X-Games.

Another advantage of riding for Nyquist is getting to meet new people.

“Get to travel places and meet all kinds of new people,” he said.

“It is easy to make friends through riding.”

According to Nyquist, riding has a few disadvantages. He said college life is “pretty good” but different than he expected. The main difference is that his classes and workload are heavier than in high school.

“It’s hard to do both school and races,” he said.

Nyquist wants to have more time to spend on his own riding in the evenings and weekends.

“I played soccer for 12 years. I’d love to play on an intramural team, but the games are usually when I’m gone,” he said.

Nyquist said he has made friends at Cal Poly, although none of them ride. He said that the main reason he is riding is to make more time for non-skiing activities, even though he has very little free time.

Although Nyquist enjoys com peting in both the X-Games and freestyle, he said he has more fun dirt jumping.

“Dirt (jumping) is more fun,” he said.

“Everyone knows where it is and it is more serious because there is more money in it,” he said.

Dirt jumping is not as estab lished as street racing, but

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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 of the judicial system to tell the Boy Scouts of America how it runs its programs? Is it not violating 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 blacks, or Jews into its organization nobody makes a fuss. It's the member's 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 it's policies and allows Atheists and homosexuals to participate in the organization. Moreover, 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 the 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 scoutmaster 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 and a half before he was being investigated for improper conduct. I was shocked and asked "what for?" He had given one of the Boy Scouts a "titty-tweeter" 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 "titty-tweeters" 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 crotches," 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 that matter. This issue was at the forefront of California NOW's Women's Health Project in 1997 and prompted a video, "Redefining Liberation: Advertising, Is It Time to Say "NO!" to photo-shopping" 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 open to preference and can be sent to mosch@polymail.calpoly.edu. Fax your contribution to 756-6764 or drop letters by Building 26, Suite 226.

MUStANG DAILY Staff Box
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 $ ________ 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)  
   Having own room □ Very important □ Moderately Important □ Not important □
   Having a kitchen □
   Option for a Meal Plan □
   Control over choosing roommate □
   Proximity to campus □
   Neighbors in same college/major □
   Having furnished living space □
   Having no campus "rules" □
   Rent equal to current rent □

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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NEWS

BRIEFS
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The California Franchise Tax Board also offers its own TeleFile program statewide.

Where in Cal Poly is Tina Yothers? The Industrial Technology Society decided that April Fool's 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 Tie."

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' 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 Estani. "There will be a referendum and it will be held during dead week, March 11 and 12."

The fee would include an increase of $4 to the next year and an increase of 89 the year after. The fee has not been increased in five years.

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

The board also approved a motion to form a secretarial and accounting technician position 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.

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

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Baseball council approves changes to playoff format

By Neil Reiman
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.

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