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Loy hands “Battle” victory to Magee House, Colpitts by reversing major and minor arcs



Above: As class ends Thursday, Sara Colpitts tells Brendan Loy to hurry up and finish his quiz. “Loy, turn it in,” she said at 11:10 as she walked by on her way out of the classroom. “You get no extra time.” Loy handed the paper in seconds later, but it wasn’t until after 2:15 that he found out he had lost the “Battle of the Houses” to Colpitts, who got a perfect grade. Loy received a 34/40, or 85%.

Throughout the third term “Battle of the Houses,” stupid mistakes have haunted Brendan Loy. Not doing two homework assignments. Not simplifying a square root properly. Not putting the Given on a proof. All these have been mistakes that Loy has made, and they all have helped Sara Colpitts stay within striking distance.

Thursday, Loy made what was probably the *most* careless of all his careless errors. It was certainly the most costly.

It cost him a victory in Lou Ruggiero’s fourth-period geometry class’s third-term “Battle of the Houses.” It cost him an A+ average. It cost him a chance to finally beat Sara Colpitts. And it cost him an opportunity to write a *Living Room Times* headline which he had already planned—a huge, two-liner for today’s paper reading “Smooth Sailing For Doran House.”

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<u>Student</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Thurs. Quiz</u>	<u>Total Grade for third term</u>
Sara Colpitts	Magee	40/40	458/475—96.42%
Brendan Loy	Doran	34/40	455/475—95.79%
Todd Stigliano	Stoddard	40/40	451/475—94.95%
Jaimie Kwassman	Doran	34/40	448/475—94.32%

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LOY'S BIG MISTAKE

BACKGROUND INFO

circle—the set of all points in a plane that are a given distance from a given point in the plane

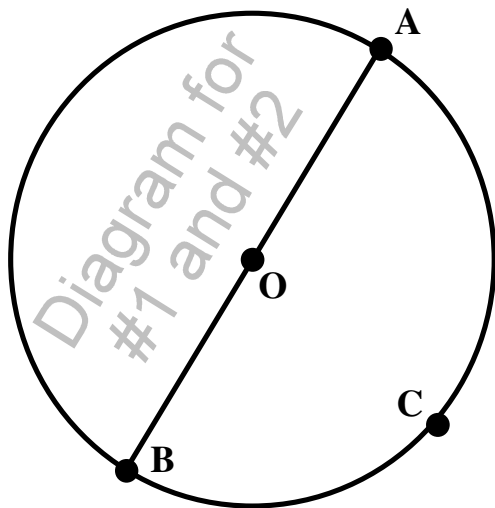
arc—consists of two points on a circle and all the circle's points between them

central angle—an angle whose vertex is at the center of a circle (cannot be more than 180°)

minor arc—an arc whose points are on or between the sides of a central angle (i.e. less than half of the circle)

major arc—an arc whose points are on or outside of a central angle (i.e. more than half the circle)

how to name an arc—for a minor arc, use 2 letters going in the direction of the arc's path; for major arc, use 3 letters going in the direction of the arc's path



QUESTION #1:

Name a minor arc.

Loy's answer: arc BAC

Colpitts's answer: arc AC

correct answers: arc AC, CA, CB, BC

QUESTION #2:

Name a major arc.

Loy's answer: arc AC

Colpitts's answer: arc ABC

correct answers: arc ABC, CBA, CAB, BAC

Sara Colpitts wins third-term "Battle"

Loy chokes under pressure; Colpitts may have earned A+

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It was anything *but* smooth sailing Thursday. The seas started to churn the instant Loy sat down to take the 40-point quiz on Sections One through Four of Chapter Ten, the final grade of the third term in Mr. Ruggiero's geometry classes.

The careless mistake that cost Loy the "Battle" came on problems #1 and #2—probably the easiest problems on the quiz. Loy switched the meanings of "major" and "minor" arcs.

You'd think it would be obvious—probably even for people not taking geometry—that "major" would be bigger than "minor."

But apparently, Brendan Loy doesn't think so. When asked to identify a major arc, which covers more than half of a circle, he wrote down the letters of a minor arc, which covers less than half. When asked to identify a minor arc, he wrote down the letters of a major arc. So he got both problems wrong.

Loy also got #12 wrong, a more reasonably difficult problem dealing with a hexagon inscribed in a circle. But he could have afforded that mistake. With each problem worth two points apiece, and Loy leading by three points before taking the quiz, he could have gotten #12 wrong and still won the "Battle" even though Colpitts got a perfect score.

So it was the excruciatingly easy problems #1 and #2 that killed him. Loy *knew* what "major arc" meant and what "minor arc" meant. But for whatever reason—he was tired, under pressure, or any other excuse you might be able to think of—Loy simply switched his answers for #1 and #2. That meant a total of four points off his grade in addition to the two he missed on #12. And a three-point victory for Sara Colpitts.

"Listen, if Mozart had put a minor chord where a major chord should be, he wouldn't be Mozart today," said Mr. Huybrechts, another math teacher. "And don't think it's a minor error. It's a major error."

"Yeah, it's actually a major error, and don't confuse the two," Mr. Ruggiero added.

Colpitts got a 40/40, not surprising since her average on grades worth less than fifty points during the second and third terms was 98.93% before Thursday's quiz. Counting her perfect score on Thursday, that percentage is up to an amazing 99.06%.

Colpitts is happy about her perfect score for a reason separate from the "Battle." She was never concerned with beating Loy or anyone else. She only cares about her own grade—specifically, earning an A+ average. And by getting a 100% (her fifth perfect score in nine quizzes, tests, and quests this term), she put herself in a position to get that A+ for the third straight term—maybe.

It depends on how many more homework assignments have not yet been added into the final point total. Colpitts's average right now is 96.42%, or 458/475. She needs at least 96.5% for an A+.

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Suspected unabomber is caught

Mail bomber believed captured after 17-year search;



Thursday, April 4, 1996—8:41 PM Eastern Standard Time HELENA, Mont. (Associated Press) -- Investigators found a partially assembled pipe bomb, chemicals and meticulous notes on making explosives in the mountain cabin of the former Berkeley math professor suspected of being the Unabomber, federal officials said Thursday.

Theodore John Kaczynski, 53, was charged Thursday with possessing the bomb components and was held without bail. Appearing before a judge, Kaczynski, bearded and thin, said he was mentally competent and couldn't afford his own lawyer.

The charge made no mention of the Unabomber's string of bombing attacks, which killed three people and injured 23 in 18 years. Federal officials said the charge was designed to hold Kaczynski while agents build a case.

The FBI again searched Kaczynski's hand-built, 10-by-12-foot cabin Thursday. Federal officials said the search could last several days.

"It's going very slowly because we're not sure if it's booby-trapped," said a federal agent speaking on condition of anonymity. "We have an explosives ordnance team X-raying everything before we touch it."

The cabin has no electricity or no running water, which would appear to match the Unabomber's aversion to modern society and technology.

FBI agents had been staking out Kaczynski's cabin near the Continental Divide for several weeks, ever since his own mother and brother in the Chicago area notified authorities that they had stumbled across some of his old writings while cleaning out the house they were putting up for sale and found them similar to the Unabomber's anarchist manifestos.

Kaczynski was taken into custody by federal agents Wednesday so they could search his cabin in the wilderness 50 miles northwest of Helena.

David Letterman on the Unabomber case...

"The category, Top Ten Signs Your Brother is the Unabomber. Top Ten signs, now, your brother is the Unabomber. From what we've been led to believe, the Unabomber was apparently turned in by his family. They found something suspicious—some article, some documents—on the old homestead back there in Illinois, put two and two together, and realized that for the last 17 years, the guy who shows up in the hooded sweatshirt and the sunglasses every year for Thanksgiving was, in fact, the Unabomber. It just finally came to them, 'Oh, my God, it's the Unabomber!' So, here we go now, Top Ten Signs Your Brother is the Unabomber. Here we go..."

TOP TEN SIGNS YOUR BROTHER IS THE UNABOMBER

10. When they show sketch of Unabomber on TV, he says, "What a good-looking guy!"
9. Subscribes to "Dangerously Quiet Loner" magazine
8. Always bragging that he's "bombed more than Joe Piscopo"
7. Even in baby pictures, he's wearing a hood and sunglasses
6. He's a twisted recluse who considers himself above the laws of society — wait, no, that's Michael Jackson
5. Asks his friends to call him "Una" for short
4. Keeps doing his lame impression of Jimmie "J.J." Walker saying "Dy-no-mite!"
3. He's being trying frantically to get a hold of Johnnie Cochran
2. May 8, 1970: Becky Johnson turns him down for the prom
- May 9, 1970: Becky Johnson explodes
1. Favorite cable channel? TNT

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TOP TEN COOL THINGS ABOUT WINNING AN ACADEMY AWARD

(Presented by Best Supporting Actor Kevin Spacey)

10. Don't have to say any of that "it was an honor just to be nominated" crap
9. Blockbuster looks the other way if you don't rewind your videos
8. The back rubs from Jack Palance
7. If you flash the Oscar at the drive-thru window, sometimes the kid at McDonald's throws in a free apple pie
6. Five dollar rebate from participating Sunset Boulevard hookers
5. Statuette makes an ideal blunt object for beating the hell out of pushy photographers
4. Mom can finally stop yapping about how she wishes Tom Hanks were her kid
3. Whenever you're in D.C., the President sends you a steady stream of hot babes
2. Everybody kisses your ass
1. Get to do it with Whoopi

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**LATE SHOW
TOP TEN**

TOP TEN HIGHLIGHTS OF HILLARY CLINTON'S APPEARANCE ON LARRY KING

10. The way she kept asking, "I'm not under oath, am I?"
9. After every commercial break, she had a new hairstyle
8. Realization 40 minutes into the show that she was sitting on Ross Perot
7. The mysterious phone call from Vince Foster
6. She kept bragging about Bill's cameo in that Pamela Anderson sex video
5. She wouldn't stop addressing Larry as "suspender boy"
4. Whenever he asked about Whitewater, she said, "No hablo ingles!"
3. Revealed that if she's going to prison, she's taking Fat Boy down with her
2. When Larry gave her \$10 thousand on the air and then took it back
1. Larry's first question: "May I marry Chelsea?"

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TOP TEN SIGNS DICK VITALE IS NUTS

(Presented by Dick Vitale)

10. I like to run through a locker room wearing nothing but a referee's whistle and yelling "Baby!"
9. I keep repainting the roof of my house to match Dennis Rodman's hair
8. Five seconds after my first child was born, I dumped Gatorade on my wife
7. I'm on a strict diet of shoelaces and floor wax
6. I've invited Dave Letterman to host next year's ESPY Awards
5. For a cheap rush, I take hits of stale air from old basketballs
4. My pet project: ESPN 3, a new channel devoted to the coverage of my Rogaine treatment
3. When I make love to my wife, I always go for the three pointer, baby
2. I've referred to everything as baby, except an actual baby
1. Right now, I think I'm whispering!

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Top Ten Signs Your Brother is the Unabomber, *page 3*

Doran House folds at finish

Colpitts defeats Loy; Stigliano beats Kwassman for third

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If there are six more homework assignments still to be counted which are not already included in the 20 out of 20 homework grade which Colpitts currently has, and if she did all of those homework assignments, then the assignments would bring her grade up to 470/487—a 96.51%, which rounds up to 97% and an A+. If there aren't six more assignments, then no one in the class will get an A+ this term.

Whether she is interested in the geometry "Battles" or not, the fact is that Sara Colpitts is once again the defending "class genius." She earned the title during the first term, then lost it to Todd Stigliano in the second term "Battle of the Sexes," and it looked as if she would be without it again after the third term. But her comeback victory over Loy gave her the title.

Overall, the last day of the "Battle of the Houses" was not a good one for the Doran House. The fight for first place—and its outcome—was mirrored by the fight for third.

Doran House's Jaimie Kwassman held a three-point lead over non-Doran House opponent Todd Stigliano before Thursday quiz, just like Doran House Loy's three-point lead over non-Doran House Colpitts. In the fight for third, challenger Stigliano was of the Stoddard House, but he accomplished the same feat as Colpitts of the Magee House—a 100% quiz, compared to a 94% grade for the former leader from the Doran House, in this case Kwassman. That grade dropped Kwassman into fourth place with a 94.32% average.

Still, Kwassman—who was, at one time a few weeks ago, only one point out of first place—has nothing at all to be ashamed of. In a term when most other students' averages dropped, Kwassman improved hers by over two percentage points as compared to the second term, with an A instead of an A-. In addition, this term she finished a strong fourth place—eleven points ahead of her nearest competitor—instead of a weak fifth, where she finished last term. Then, she was only one point away from being in sixth place.

The Doran House leader, on the other hand, has less to brag about. Loy finished second instead of third, but his average actually dropped by over one-half of a percentage point, and he ended up in the same position that he was in last term—having a good shot at an A+ average, then letting it slip away by getting a lower-than-usual grade at the very end.

One possible reason for Loy's collapse Thursday is a superstitious one, having to do with where he sat while taking the quiz. Starting in the second term, Todd Stigliano has always sat near the back of the room while taking tests, quizzes, and quests, with his desk turned backwards facing the back wall. On Thursday, Loy joined him—not for luck, but so his camcorder videotaping the quiz (for the purpose of creating *LR Times* pictures) could get a better angle.

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The unofficial Top Twelve

	<i>Grade-by-grade list for "Fab Five," p. 8</i>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>quiz</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Grade</u>
1.	Sara Colpitts Magee	40/40 100%	458/475 96.42%
2.	Brendan Loy Doran	34/40 85%	455/475 95.79%
3.	Todd Stigliano Stoddard	40/40 100%	451/475 94.95%
4.	Jaimie Kwassman Doran	34/40 85%	448/475 94.32%
5.	Claudio Gualtieri Magee	34/40 85%	437/475 92.00%
6.	Shaun Sullivan (tied) Stoddard	31/40 77.5%	424/475 89.26%
6.	Matt Thomsen (tied) Stoddard	36/40 90%	424/475 89.26%
8.	Ahmed Avila Magee	34/40 85%	417/475 87.79%
9.	Liz Janelle Doran	38/40 95%	411/475 86.53%
10.	Mary Belizzi Magee	32/40 80%	404/475 85.05%
11.	Chris Banach Magee	30/40 75%	391/475 82.32%
12.	Elena Beskin Magee	32/40 80%	386/475 81.26%

Colpitts wins “Battle of the Houses”

Doran House has best average among Top Two, Top Three

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“Loy has never done that before, now is not the time to start,” Mr. Ruggiero proclaimed prophetically when he saw Brendan turning the desk backwards.

“I... I... I have to—” Loy stuttered, trying to explain about the videocamera.

“Fine, fine,” Ruggiero said, interrupting him, “but don’t say I didn’t warn you.”

“Not a good idea, Brendan, not a good idea,” Stigliano said.

But for the sake of his videotaping, Loy didn’t take their advice. That apparently jinxed him.

Later in the day, having been proven correct in his prediction that Loy’s switching seats would be his downfall, Mr. Ruggiero explained in his own words why Loy lost: “You blew it by changing what was working for you. You turned your seat around, you played to the audience, you were not true to yourself. You blew it.”

Despite the fact that Loy and Kwassman both lost ground Thursday, the Doran House still came out a winner in the wider view of things. Averages of the top two students in each house shows Doran House easily beating Magee House by eight points, with Stoddard House a whopping twenty behind. Taking the top three students in each house, Doran House still wins, although it’s much closer. Loy, Kwassman, and Janelle of Doran defeat Colpitts, Gualtieri, and Avila of Magee by a collective total of only two points, with Stoddard House again a distant third. That Doran House victory was made possible by an excellent 38/40 score for Liz Janelle, Doran House’s third-place student, which was four points better than the 34/40 received by Ahmed Avila, third-best in the Magee House.

34/40 was a popular quiz score Thursday. Claudio Gualtieri, who finished with the second-highest grade in the Magee House and the fifth-best overall, got one, too. Although not a bad score, it was Gualtieri’s worst grade on a quiz in either the second or third term. The G-Man had previously averaged 97.34% on quizzes, getting perfect scores on six out of ten, but been hurt by a 90.5% test and quest average.

Gualtieri finished a solid fifth, 13 points ahead of Shaun Sullivan and Matt Thomsen, who ended up tied for sixth. Sully’s 78% grade (31/40) completed a disastrous end-of-term slide that moved him from a contender for fourth place into a tie for sixth. He averaged 74.44% on the final three quizzes of the term. Thomsen, meanwhile, caught up to Sullivan with a 36/40, thereby making up a five-point deficit.

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Above: Brendan Loy holds his hands to his head in frustration while taking a geometry quiz Thursday. He got an 85%, and lost the “Battle.”

Averages of Doran, Magee, and Stoddard based on Top Two students in each house

#2—Brendan Loy	455/475—95.79%
#4—Jaimie Kwassman	448/475—94.32%
Doran House Total and Average	903/950—451.5/475—95.05%
#1—Sara Colpitts	458/475—96.42%
#5—Claudio Gualtieri	437/475—92.00%
Magee House Total and Average	895/950—447.5/475—94.21%
#3—Todd Stigliano	451/475—94.95%
#6—Shaun Sullivan or Matt Thomsen	424/475—89.26%
Stoddard House Total and Average	875/950—437.5/475—92.11%

Averages of Doran, Magee, and Stoddard based on Top Three students in each house

#2—Brendan Loy	455/475—95.79%
#4—Jaimie Kwassman	448/475—94.32%
#9—Liz Janelle	411/475—86.53%
Doran House Total and Average	1314/1425—438.0/475—92.21%
#1—Sara Colpitts	458/475—96.42%
#5—Claudio Gualtieri	437/475—92.00%
#8—Ahmed Avila	417/475—87.79%
Magee House Total and Average	1312/1425—437.3/475—92.07%
#3—Todd Stigliano	451/475—94.95%
#6—Shaun Sullivan	424/475—89.26%
#6—Matt Thomsen	424/475—89.26%
Stoddard House Total and Average	1299/1425—433.0/475—91.16%

3rd term "Battle of the Houses" ends

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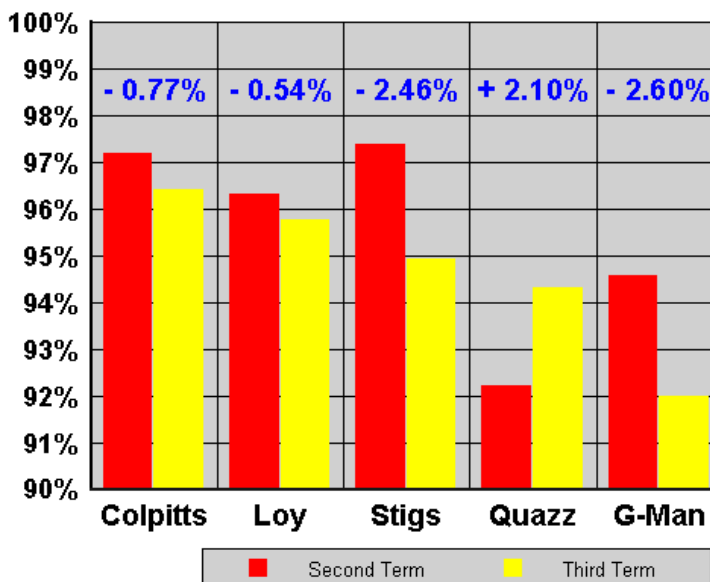
Both Thomsen and Sullivan could get A-averages instead of B+'s on their report cards if there are six more homework assignments still to be averaged in, assuming they did all of those assignments. Their averages now are 89.26%. At least 89.5% is needed for an A-.

In eighth place is Ahmed Avila, who, like Sully, has suffered a late-term slide. Ed was in position to challenge for fourth or fifth place, but got 14/20 and 14/30 on consecutive quizzes for a two-quiz average of 56%, dropping him out of the running. Avila finished third among Magee House students.

Third for the Doran House is Liz Janelle, who, as mentioned earlier in this article, got an excellent grade of 95% on Thursday. That raised her average to a B+, which is a major achievement considering that she missed four days of school while Mr. Ruggiero's students were learning brand-new concepts like trigonometry. She had to make up two quizzes and one test, but despite getting a 79% on that test, she hung on to ninth place.

Rounding out the Top Twelve are Mary Bellizzi, Chris Banach (who was sixth last term) and Elena Beskin, all of Magee House. Banach's average now is a B-, but would be raised to a B if there are three homework assignments still to be averaged in, if he did those assignments.

"Fab Five" Grade Comparison
Second Term vs. Third Term

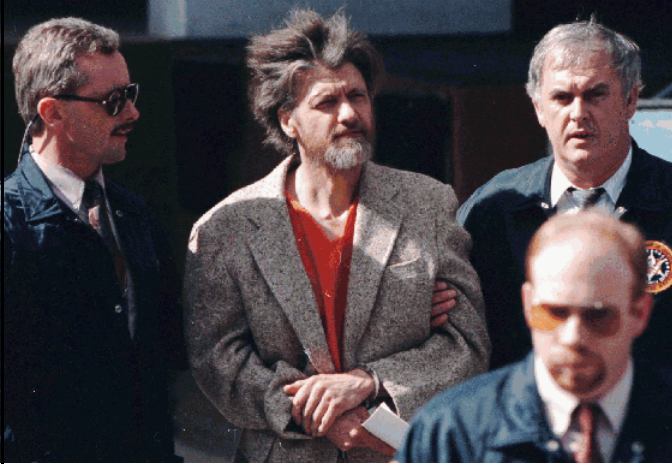


Right: Kristen Grigerick, Lauren Caputa, and Lou Ruggiero walk by while Brendan Loy takes a quiz.
Left: Loy turns to his video camera and silently yells.

<u>"FAB FIVE"</u>	<u>Sara Colpitts</u> Magee	<u>Brendan Loy</u> Doran	<u>Todd Stigliano</u> Stoddard	<u>Jaimie Kwassman</u> Doran	<u>Claudio Gualtieri</u> Magee
Ch. 7 quest	49/50	50/50	49/50	49/50	48/50
Quiz #1	30/30	25/30	30/30	23/30	30/30
Ch. 8 test	100/100	99/100	94/100	97/100	86/100
Quiz #2	32/35	35/35	28/35	35/35	31/35
Quiz #3	40/50	48/50	46/50	46/50	46/50
Quiz #4	20/20	18/20	18/20	20/20	18/20
Quiz #5	30/30	30/30	28/30	30/30	30/30
Ch. 9 test	97/100	100/100	100/100	94/100	94/100
Quiz #6	40/40	34/40	40/40	34/40	34/40
Homework	20/20	16/20	18/20	20/20	20/20
TOTAL	458/475	455/475	451/475	448/475	437/475
GRADE	96.42%	95.79%	94.95%	94.32%	92.00%

FBI thinks they've got their man

Finally, a chief suspect in Unabomber case



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A key question went unanswered: How could Kaczynski, described by neighbors as going everywhere on foot or on an old bicycle, have mailed bombs from locations including San Francisco, Oakland, Calif., Sacramento, Calif., and Chicago? Other bombs were left in cities around the country.

Dick Lundberg, a neighbor, said he sometimes gave Kaczynski rides into Helena. Plane connections were available there.

Asked about the possibility of accomplices, one federal agent said: "This guy is a loner. He wouldn't work with someone else."

FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents found a partially completed pipe bomb in the loft at Kaczynski's cabin, according to an affidavit by FBI agent Donald J. Sachtleben.

Ten three-ring binders were recovered filled with "page after page of meticulous writings and sketches which I recognize to be diagrams of explosive devices," Sachtleben said. The diagrams show cross-sections of pipe bombs and electrical circuitry.

In addition, agents found galvanized metal, copper and plastic pipes, four of them with copper plates sealing one end, "one of the first steps in the construction of a pipe bomb," Sachtleben said.

Also recovered were potassium chlorate, sodium chlorate, aluminum powder, lead powder and silver oxide powder, all of which can be used in bombs, he added. Three rolled-up pieces of paper appeared to contain "logs of experiments to determine the optimum pipe dimension and combination of explosive materials in various weather conditions," Sachtleben said.

Federal officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said searchers also found two manual typewriters. The Unabomber has sent a sheaf of typed letters over the past few years, and investigators wanted to compare those with the typewriters.

A former assistant professor of mathematics at the

University of California at Berkeley, Kaczynski graduated from Harvard when he was barely 20, and received a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Michigan several years later. Academic-oriented and obsessed with technology, he fits the FBI psychological profile of the suspect.

After retreating from academic life in the 1970s, Kaczynski lived in Utah, doing odd jobs and menial labor.

Evelyn Vanderlaan, who was a neighbor of Kaczynski's family in the working-class Chicago suburb of Evergreen Park, Ill., said: "Teddy was unusually smart. I've never known anyone who had a brain like he. He made it through high school in three years. ... I didn't see much emotion, just quiet."

At Michigan, Professor Peter L. Duren, who served on Kaczynski's doctoral committee, described him as smart, independent and dedicated.

"He was unusually focused on math and spent all of his time doing it," Duren said. "I don't think he was political at that time. He was so busy, so involved in math, I don't think he did anything else."

At Berkeley, spokesman Jesus Mena said that records show Kaczynski submitted a letter of resignation in 1969. Department officials at the time filed a letter saying they tried to talk him out of leaving "but he was intent on resigning."

In court Thursday, Kaczynski appeared calm and spoke softly but clearly before U.S. District Judge Charles C. Lovell. He consulted frequently with his attorney, public defender Michael Donahoe.

When Lovell asked if he were unable to afford a lawyer, Kaczynski said, "Quite correct." He said "no" when the judge asked if he had any mental impairments.

Lovell told Kaczynski and his lawyer to decide by noon Friday whether they want a preliminary hearing and a hearing to determine bail.

A federal grand jury is scheduled to convene April 17 in Great Falls and will decide whether to hand down an indictment in the case, a federal law enforcement official said on condition of anonymity.

The Unabomber's first blast occurred at Northwestern University in suburban Chicago in 1978. The most recent of the 16 attacks came April 24, 1995, when a timber industry executive was killed in Sacramento, Calif.

The investigation was code-named Unabom, because the bomber's early targets were universities and airlines.

The FBI has spread copies of the Unabomber's writings throughout the academic community in hopes of finding someone who recognizes the work. In September, The New York Times and The Washington Post published, in the Post, his 35,000-word treatise on the inhumanity of industrial society.

He promised to stop trying to kill if the treatise were published. There have been no bombings since.