

# Klansman arrested for fake bombing

HOUSTON (AP)—A self-proclaimed member of the Ku Klux Klan was arrested Tuesday and charged with placing a fake bomb in the Studios of Pacifica Radio in January of this year.

Pacifica, a non-commercial, listener-sponsored radio station, was bombed off the air twice in 1970 when explosives were set at its transmitter, miles from the downtown studio. No persons were hurt in the explosions, which caused considerable property damage.

Charged Tuesday was Paul William Morratto, 24, who told reporters he was a member of the United Klans of America, Inc.

The exact charges filed against him were false information concerning the presence of a bomb, a misdemeanor, and setting up a fact situation which caused an emergency vehicle to respond, a felony.

The charges stem from a gadget fashioned from an old radio transmitter which was found in the studios of the radio station after a telephoned bomb threat on Jan. 16.

The fake bomb was found four days before the station went on

the air after a real bomb had knocked it off for a second time. No arrests have been made in the two authentic bombings.

Arson investigators with the city fire department said fingerprints found on the fake bomb were matched to Morratto, who lives in the Houston suburban city of League City.

Morratto told reporters he was innocent of the charges. "They are false," he said, "but these investigators have to check out all leads and they are just doing their job."

He said "no terrorist activities are going on locally" which are caused by the Klan.

There have been over 20 incidents of bombings, shootings and fire bombings in the Houston area in the past two years directed against those on the left.

No injuries have occurred and no arrests have been made in the incidents.

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# Dress codes on way out

AP News Special

School officials have just about given up trying to enforce rigid dress codes in many of the nation's classrooms. Even hot pants draw little more than a raised eyebrow in most places these days.

An Associated Press survey showed schools have abandoned formal regulations—things like no slacks for girls, no beards, no mustaches, no long hair.

Instead, they've adopted general guidelines usually ordering that the youngsters be in accordance with health regulations—meaning shoes are a must—and that their attire not be disruptive—no see-through blouses.

"We've become fairly liberal, reasonably relaxed and we urge our students to use common sense," said George Halface, assistant superintendent of schools at Hunterdon Central Regional High School in Flemington, N. J.

"We believe parents are responsible for what students wear to school. If it's something terribly disruptive, we ask them to change."

Asked about the supershort shorts gaining popularity among women across the country, he replied, "Frankly, I prefer them to tattered dungarees."

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system in North Carolina adopted a general statement in 1967 prohibiting extreme styles and grooming which may be detrimental to the maintenance of discipline and morale.

A spokesman for the school district in Shawnee Mission, a Kansas City suburb, said, "As long as the style is not a distracting one, we feel it is our business to educate, not legislate style."

Who decides what's distracting?

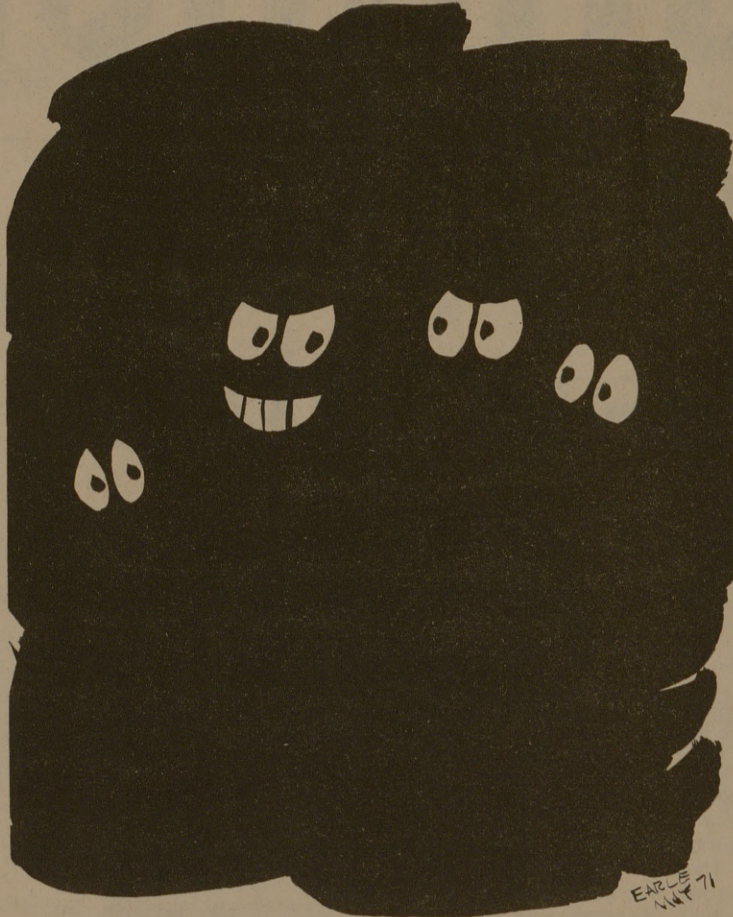
Many officials concede they couldn't stop the fashion trends if they tried.

Charles Gilbert, principal of the Upper Arlington High School in Ohio, said, "We can't be style controllers." As for hot pants, he added, "It's like the miniskirt. We know we're not going to stop it, so we've decided to make it the parents' responsibility, to let mom and dad decide what the kids should wear."

Students now can grow mustaches, sideburns or beard of any length and wear clothing of any style as long as they don't interfere with school activities.

When it comes to boys, the biggest problem is hair and recent court decisions have cast doubt on the school's right to control hair length.

U. S. District Court Judge Charles Wyzanski Jr. ordered Alan Bennett, 18, reinstated at Westfield, Mass., after the youth was suspended for growing a mustache. The judge said it was unconstitutional to try to regulate the length of a student's hair—either on his head or his face.



"We'll hafta keep this quiet for this to be effective! We'll divide up and put a note on each graduating senior's door that says 'Report to the Registrar's Office immediately' for that one last panic!"

# More D.C. protestors

(Continued from page 1) the night that our flag was still there."

Government workers watched the demonstration from the periphery of the crowd. The temperature was in the low 60s, the sky cloudless and the protestors good-humored.

Passing motorcycle policemen at one point, the marchers chanted: "Higher pay for cops; Higher pay for cops." The policemen all but applauded.

Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, the target of the demonstration, appeared from time to time at the window of his fifth-floor office, pipe in mouth.

On Monday, bands of antiwar protestors roamed the streets, harassing workbound government employes by sitting in the middle of the street, blocking the road with cars, throwing nail-studded boards and other debris. With 4,000 federal troops augmenting 5,100 city police, the tactic failed and mass arrests followed.

A similar attempt to stop traffic was threatened for Tuesday, but failed to materialize. Demonstration leaders had targeted four of Washington's heavy-traffic circles.

But the blocking attempts failed, although 685 more were arrested before the Justice Department march. Most of the arrests were on minor charges and involved individuals or small groups and there was none of the tear-gassing and billy-clubbing of the previous day.

Morning traffic moved, if anything, faster than usual.

The President, who was at San Clemente, Calif., during Monday's demonstration, returned to the White House Monday night.

"The President felt they were

dealt with appropriately," press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said of the way demonstrators were handled.

"The overall conduct and restraint of the District of Columbia police in dealing with the situation," drew presidential praise, Ziegler said.

But Ziegler declined to comment on the procedures under which the demonstrators were arrested. The procedures, short-cutting traditional methods of filling out arrest forms and photographing prisoners with arresting officers, have drawn protests from demonstrators and their lawyers.

Chief Judge Harold H. Green of the D.C. Superior Court issued a show-cause order requiring officials to explain the mass arrests.

The American Civil Liberties Union accused the government of producing phony arrest reports long after the demonstrators were set up at the Washington Redskins football practice field, a jail exercise yard and a sports arena.

The ACLU said government lawyers filled out arrest forms Monday night, inserting the

names of a few policemen at random. Normally the name of the arresting officer goes on such forms, so he can be called later to testify.

The ACLU asserted also that police made indiscriminate arrests, sweeping up people who were not part of the demonstration.

The Pentagon announced Tuesday that 6,000 Army paratroopers and Marines brought in to Washington would return to their home bases that night. Some 4,000 other federal troops from nearby posts remained at staging areas.

With the antiwar protests which have been going on with little interruption since April 24 apparently winding down, the demonstration-wearry capital faces a counter rally Saturday.

Dr. Carl McIntire, fundamentalist radio preacher, is sponsoring a "U. S. March for Victory" which is to parade along Pennsylvania Avenue and rally on the Mall. He said Tuesday he expects the crowd to exceed that of the April 24 peace demonstration which drew a throng estimated by police at more than 200,000.

# Smathers, engineering students given excellence awards at banquet

Dr. James B. Smathers, associate professor of nuclear engineering, and six A&M senior engineering students were honored for excellence May 28 by the College of Engineering.

Dr. Smathers received the 14th General Dynamics "Excellence in Engineering Teaching" Award. The certificate and \$1,400 check were presented by Henry Dvorak,

chief scientist for General Dynamics in Fort Worth, and E. J. (Bud) Horton Jr., engineering group supervision, Fort Worth Division.

Senior Achievement Award plaques were presented to Van H. Taylor, mechanical engineering major from Temple; Charles H. Herder, chemical engineering major from Weimar; Carlton W. Karlick, industrial engineering major from West; Larry V. Maciuk, mechanical engineering major from Hillsboro; Craig M. Hansen, electrical engineering major from San Antonio, and Harry L. Hall, chemical engineering major from Dallas.

The student awards are based on academic excellence, leadership and participation in university activities, noted Awards Committee Chairman Dr. Robert S. Wick.

Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson conducted the program in the Memorial Student Center.

## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT  
Mid Cities-Tarrant County Hometown Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Ralph's Pizza at North Gate.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 304 of the Physics Building.

THURSDAY  
New Student Senate will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room on the second floor of the library.

**tonight on the tube**

Numbers in ( ) denote channels on the cable.

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3:00 3 (5) Gomer Pyle	6:00 3 (5) Evening News
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3:30 3 (5) University Instructional	15 (12) Campus and Community Today
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	9:00 3 (5) Hawaii Five-O
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	11:30 3 (5) The Law and Mr. Jones

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