

ACLU asked to join Klan battle

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NEW ORLEANS — A Ku Klux Klan leader, jailed in the bizarre "Bayou of Pigs" plot against a Caribbean nation in 1981, wants the American Civil Liberties Union to help his constitutional attack on the U.S. Neutrality Act.
 Grand Wizard Don Black of Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday said he had written the ACLU in New York from his federal prison cell in Big Spring, Texas, but has not received a reply.
 "I think we were brought to trial primarily because of our KKK affiliation," Black said in a phone interview. "I think had it not been for the political

beliefs of most of our group, there would have been no prosecution."
 Black filed papers in New Orleans Monday asking a federal court to overturn the Neutrality Act, under which he and Joe Danny Hawkins of Jackson, Miss., were convicted in 1981.
 The men and eight other soldiers of fortune were ambushed by government agents as they started on a 2,000-mile voyage to the island of Dominica. Seven exchanged guilty pleas for reduced sentences, and subsequently have been released from prison. The eighth man was acquitted.

The Neutrality Act prohibits "preparing or providing money for a military or naval expedition or enterprise against a nation with which the United States is at peace."
 Black's motion claimed the words "peace" and "expedition or enterprise" were unconstitutionally vague and subject to selective prosecution. He cited the purchase of Israeli war bonds as acts similar to his that regularly escape prosecution.
 In New York, ACLU associate director Alan Reitman said the group's legal department will study the matter before deciding whether to become involved.

"We get lots of letters with requests and they are all looked at," Reitman said. "We make a determination whether there are civil liberties at issue."
 Black's group, composed of white supremacists and neo-Nazis from the U.S. and Canada, planned to oust Dominican prime minister Mary Eugenia Charles and restore jailed ex-leader Patrick John to power.
 The mercenaries took explosives, automatic rifles and ammunition. They carried the Confederate and Nazi flags, a bottle of whiskey and a copy of Soldier of Fortune magazine.

The men would have been granted development rights to the island's economic resources, including establishment of a cocaine smuggling operation and an anti-communist defense force.
 "I don't think we were a threat to the United States by any means," Black said Tuesday.
 "The government pulled out the Nazi flag and displayed it for most of the trial, as if that were evidence of criminal intent in itself. The government attempted to insinuate that we in some way were going to start the Fourth Reich."

Ashby

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 First, he said, Texans are a love for the land that is not found in places such as California where much of the state was settled by gold-seekers. Indeed, he said, many of them who came to Texas for that reason left soon afterward.
 The lure of land has always been what has brought people to Texas and this love for real estate continues today. He said that many rural Texans move to Houston just to make enough money to return to their small towns and buy land.
 To prove his point Ashby noted that many Houston businessmen and lawyers spend their weekends building fences and doing other "manual labor" on land they own elsewhere.
 Religion also is more influential here than anywhere else, he said, making that a second feature that sets Texans apart. No politician, he said, stands a

chance of election without endorsement of God.
 He quickly pointed out that this "deep religious feeling" does not mean we are good."
 Ashby said that this may be because early Texas settlers depended more on God to help them face the rugged frontier. He said today's phenomenon may be an outgrowth of this.
 Third, he said, Texans are extremely patriotic. One reason for this is that Texans love to fight and doing it for the state makes it all the better.
 He quoted author John Steinbeck as calling Texas a "millionaire's nation" and that "sectional games have the glory and the spair of war."
 Ashby said this is particularly true at Kyle Field and added with a grin, "I just wish I could beat somebody," drawing laughter from the crowd.
 About Texas and its people, Ashby finished by saying, "We are the right place at the right time."

DEA says monitoring procedures adequate

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SAN ANTONIO — A Drug Enforcement Administration official Tuesday refuted charges that inadequate monitoring of undercover agents led to the drug smuggling activities of ex-agent William D. Collier.
 The charges were made by defense attorney Lionel Lofton, who said Collier worked undercover so much that he had trouble separating his personal and professional life.
 Lofton, who once prosecuted drug smugglers as a former assistant U.S. attorney, claimed that poor monitoring of undercover agents caused Collier to become a real criminal.
 However, San Antonio DEA agent in charge Charles Carter said Tuesday that agency monitoring is adequate, even though agents require freedom to operate.

"We feel very firmly that the monitoring process is adequate. Short of putting a monitor right there on the plane, we feel it's very adequate," Carter said.
 "You have to remember that undercover agents have a certain amount of freedom. They can only be supervised to some extent," he said.
 Collier, 42, was sentenced to three years in prison and received a \$15,000 fine and a two-year special parole term last week in a plea bargain agreement with federal prosecutors in San Antonio.
 He was working for the DEA in Charleston, S.C., when he was indicted in July by a federal grand jury. Collier pleaded guilty to smuggling 750 pounds of marijuana into the United States from Belize in 1982.

taught survival techniques to other agents, Lofton said. When he was transferred to Charleston last summer, he had ended his illegal activities and was aware officials probably would discover them. Once confronted with the charges, he resigned from the DEA.
 "He was in a high-stress situation, like FAA flight controllers, CIA agents and military commanders," said Lofton. "Somebody monitors those people to make sure they don't burn out or go over the line. I'm not blaming DEA, but they didn't have anybody monitoring Bill's activity."
 "He was living a life that was a lie, but he had to be convincing (to drug dealers) or he would have gotten killed," he said.

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hood might cause was not considered deliberate.
 The second committee, budget and admissions, approved Planned Parenthood on the same criteria and sent its decision to the United Way board of directors, Fleisher said.
 The board then appointed a special committee to investigate Planned Parenthood's request.

considering both its program and the controversy funding. Planned Parenthood might cause. That committee approved Planned Parenthood request.
 Against the advice of three committees, the board voted Planned Parenthood's quest down.
 The moral issues involved are worthy of debate, Fleisher said, but United Way is not the forum for that debate.

Attorneys seek better prisons

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HOUSTON — Attorneys for inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections will ask a federal judge to take more steps to correct overcrowding and improve staffing and medical services in the prison system, officials said Tuesday.
 Conditions have "worsened" since the judge ordered reforms almost three years ago, said attorneys William Bennett Turner and Donna Brorby.

The attorneys said they planned to ask U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice to hold a hearing in December to decide if TDC is complying with orders of providing adequate housing, correctional officers, medical staff and other reforms he ordered in 1980.
 Although TDC has added new units, the lawyers said it has not provided recreation rooms, gyms, chapels, clinics, shower toilets and other services.

At least 57 teams to compete in 'Anything Goes' fund-raiser


by Wanda Winkler
 Battalion Staff
 At least 57 teams are expected to participate in The Residence Hall Association's annual Almost Anything Goes scheduled to start at 5 p.m. Thursday.
 The fund-raising event will be held at the Main Drill Field, between the Memorial Student

Center and Puryear and Law halls. Proceeds of the event will go to United Way. The event was discussed Tuesday night at the regular meeting of RHA.
 The teams, each made up of five men and five women, will participate in the contest, which is a take-off on the television show "Almost Anything Goes." The event will offer games such as Skin-The-Snake, Squeeze Box, Fried Flippers, Aggies Over Easy and Water Volleyball. Winners of each game will receive t-shirts.
 Karen Bloch, director of the RHA programs committee, explained game check-in procedures and encouraged RHA members to get their hall residences involved in the competition. Bloch said members of her committee will referee the games.
 RHA has already raised \$500 from entry fees — \$15 per team. The event will raise \$750 to \$1,000 this year, Bloch said. RHA raised \$385 from the event in 1982. On-campus students

have participated in AAG since April 1976.
 In other action, Jan Winniford, assistant director of student affairs, encouraged council presidents and RHA delegates to get involved in her department's program, Alcohol Awareness Week. The program, designed to promote responsible drinking, will take place Oct. 10-14.
 Winniford showed the film, "Alcohol, The Brain and Behavior," at the meeting. She said RHA members should be aware of how alcohol affects the body.
 RHA adviser Nyla Promeay said residence hall leaders at a dorm mixer or party should discourage residents from drinking and driving.
 "Our biggest concern is to see that everyone gets home safe," she said.
 Alcohol Awareness Week will feature presentations that focus on responsible drinking, myths

about alcohol, how to have a party and new driving while intoxicated laws in Texas.
 Alcohol presentations scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in the A-1 Lounge, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Corps area Lounge B and 7 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Commons.
 Three RHA members volunteered to drink before meeting, demonstrated how alcohol slows driver-reaction time. A machine, which flashes a series of red and green lights, was used to demonstrate effects of alcohol.
 Each volunteer had a .07 alcohol content in the blood, the range that begins to affect person's reaction time. Each person responded to the light by pushing a hand-controlled switch or a brake, depending on the flashing light. The volunteers, previously tested when sober, had slower reactions while drinking.

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