

Klan Fliers Found Near Fairfax High

Postings Viewed as Effort to Capitalize on Recent Racial Incidents

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At least three dozen fliers seeking members for the Ku Klux Klan were found posted near Fairfax High School this week, in what students and officials said was an attempt to capitalize on a series of racial incidents at the school.

Few students saw the handbills, school officials said, because they were attached to trees on the outskirts of campus or telephone poles lining a nearby street. School administrators and police officers quickly confiscated them after they were discovered Monday morning.

"I don't think it's a prank," said Fairfax City Police Chief Loyd W. Smith. "I think they [the Klan] heard about the little spot of trouble they had at Fairfax High School and thought that might be a fertile field for recruitment."

The handbills appeared just as the school was quieting down after a series of incidents involving a handful of students waving Confederate flags and one burning a cross on the school's front lawn.

In the last two weeks counselors have brought together white and black students, parents have met with high-ranking school officials, and in yesterday's English or social studies classes, all 1,566 students discussed the situation and possible solutions.

Still, some black parents said the fliers seemed to confirm their fears that organized white supremacist groups such as the Klan might try to take advantage of the situation.

"Any extremist group of any type likes to fish in troubled waters," said Mira Boland, the Washington fact-finding director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which monitors the Klan. "It's one of the few opportunities they have for getting some attention."

The 8½-by-11-inch poster offered a generic Klan recruitment pitch, with no specific reference to Fairfax.

"Are you tired of rap music?" it asked. "Rude people showing no respect for others, being intimidated because you're white, AIDS, sexual perverts, seeing the American way of life deteriorate because of foreign interests, people who

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BECAUSE OF FOREIGN INTERESTS...

PEOPLE WHO KNOCK GOD OR DON'T BELIEVE IN CHRIST...

MISUSE OF FEDERAL TAXES...

IF PEOPLE GET TOGETHER THINGS CAN CHANGE!

SUPPORT OR BE A PART OF A GROUP FIGHTING

TO STOP SUCH THINGS FOR 120 YEARS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING

ABOUT IT AND NOT BE ALONE WRITE

FOR INFORMATION OR CALL.

ALSO A NEWSPAPER WITH A VIEWPOINT

YOU WILL READ NO WHERE ELSE.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Invisible Empire

Knights of The Ku Klux Klan



IMPERIAL WIZARD
(W. F. Boland)

knock God or don't believe in Christ, misuse of federal taxes?"

For those who said yes, it offered a simple solution: Join the Klan.

Fairfax Principal Donald J. Weinheimer Jr. said his staff took down seven or eight posters from trees on campus.

Smith said his officers confiscated about 30 more from telephone poles along a mile stretch of Old Lee Highway between the high school and police headquarters on the grounds that it is illegal to advertise on utility poles.

A woman living in the nearby Country Club Hills subdivision told police that a copy was left in her mailbox.

The flier attributes itself to the Robert E. Lee Society, part of the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and includes a post office box in Manassas.

The only name on it is that of J.W. Farrands, a Connecticut resident who is the imperial wizard of the Invisible Empire branch of the Klan.

According to postal officials, the person who rented the Manassas post office box listed another post

office box in Westmoreland County, where Lee's birthplace, Stratford Hall, is located.

Boland, however, said she never heard of the Manassas group nor of any organized Klan activity in Northern Virginia or Westmoreland County.

"It's quite possible there are a handful of Klansmen or people who are disposed to the Klan living in Northern Virginia," she said.

Despite the fliers, the school has all but returned to normal, students and administrators said.

Nate Rasmussen, president of the student government, said that during class discussions, students denounced the recent wave of racial incidents.

"Everybody was thinking along the same lines: We really don't want this to happen again and want to do whatever we can to prevent it," he said.

"I'm encouraged this week," agreed Weinheimer. "People are getting back together. Groups aren't as distinctive as they were for a few days. Things are working well."