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This two-bedroom home, located at S.E. 425 Gladstone Street, caught fire at approximately 2:30 p.m. yesterday. Its owners, Lee and Neitha Schrom, who were not present at the time of the incident, had planned on selling the home which was valued at \$35,000.

King birthday today

by Lori Hehr
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"Early morning, April four, shot rings out in the Memphis sky...."

An Irish band, U2 sings of the scene in 1968 when Martin Luther King was assassinated.

Today marks the birthday of King and Congress has passed legislation that will make this day a national holiday beginning next year.

In honor of his birthday, the university's Black Awareness Committee is sponsoring a performance by Felix Justice who will portray King in the CUB ballroom tonight at 7:30 p.m. Justice's one-man show is entitled "Prophecy In America."

Mary Odem, a black student counselor here, said the show will focus on King's speeches and words, concentrating on the message he was trying give to people.

Odem said King's message was one of major importance

"He said that all men are created equal and should be treated as such. Not just black people but all people."

King's message, while vitally important, was simple, said Earl Smith, assistant professor in the black studies program.

"King wanted people to know that black people were people and in that sense had all the rights of all the American people, nothing special, nothing unique, just those rights," Smith said.

He said King wanted to make sure blacks in this society could at least practice those rights even if it meant publicly demonstrating the lack of those rights.

In his method of peaceful public demonstrations, King brought equal rights questions in front of the public.

"Instead of going forward in some court house, King pulled those questions that blacks were asking to the national front," said Smith.

King asked such questions as 'what are the laws that govern this society and economy and how is it that they don't apply for blacks', Smith said.

He said some people are confused about King's message.

"Some people think he was looking for special attributes or favors. That's not the case at all," Smith said.

The basic belief that King fought for was that blacks and anyone else receive the same human birthrights.

King began asking more fundamental rights questions in the last period of his life.

Smith said he made a move from being a civil rights marcher to really criticizing the larger political economy.

"Just prior to his death, one of the last things King talked about was 'what good is it to bring blacks to the lunch counters and other places if they can't in fact eat?'" said Smith. "He brought up the point that none of these laws are worth anything if people are outside the economic system."

Idaho neo-nazis

Aryan church claims races should not mix

by Neita Cecil
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The FBI has arrested or is seeking over 16 neo-Nazis in the Northwest for various criminal acts, ranging from murder to harboring a fugitive, yet an Idaho undersheriff, an expert on neo-Nazi groups, believes more are to follow.

Through all of this, though the Northwest's neo-Nazi leader remains unruffled.

Larry Broadbent, a Kootenai County (Idaho) undersheriff, said, "I'm sure other arrests will follow," but said that he is not surprised, at least not yet, or the scope of the arrests all over the West.

The Rev. Richard Butler, leader of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, a neo-Nazi group located in Hayden Lake, Idaho, said he does not feel threatened by the recent FBI crackdown on neo-Nazis.

"I haven't been threatened. I have nothing to hide," Butler said in a recent telephone interview.

Butler did he was concerned about the FBI crackdown but called it "part of the (race) war" his church is part of.

"They're not closing down on us. They can't stop us, no matter what they do. They can murder all they want," he said.

Butler said all the media attention the neo-Nazis have received recently "has been the best thing that ever happened to us. It's waking up our people."

"Half of those people (they have arrested) we've never heard of be-

fore."

Several neo-Nazis have been linked to two armored car robberies, in Seattle and Ukiah, Calif., in which over \$4.1 million was stolen and two neo-Nazis are being held in connection with the June 18, 1984 murder of Alan Berg, an outspoken Jewish talk

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show host in Denver. Still others have been arrested on conspiracy charges, and for possession of illegal weapons.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review reported that the FBI said the armored car robberies were committed by members of The Order, a white supremacist group located in the Northwest. The Order is a splinter group from Butler's 50 acre Hayden Lake compound.

Robert J. Mathews, the leader of The Order, broke with Butler's group about a year half ago, Butler said.

Mathews was killed in a gun battle with the FBI Dec. 8 on Whidby Island.

Butler said the split with Mathews did not result from personal differences, but simply, "because they were denied employment here" and he said he believes Jews are responsible for this.

Butler said they are well-received by locals. However, this does not extend to offering them a job. "The Jews say its one thing to be nice to them while they're eating in your restaurant, but its another thing to give them a job."

"They make it impossible for local people to hire any of us, simply because of our religious beliefs." Butler insists Jews will threaten any local businessmen who would consider hiring an Aryan. Despite this Butler said several local businessmen sympathize with their cause, "and they slip us money."

While Butler would not say who supported the Aryans this way, he indicated cash donations come in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$100.

Two neo-Nazis have been arrested in connection with the death of talk show host Alan Berg, though neither has been accused of the murder.

Both those arrested, Gary Lee Yarborough and Louis Beam, have been connected to Butler's Aryan Nations church. Yarborough was once a member, and Beam attended the annual World Aryan Congress, held at the Hayden Lake compound.

The FBI says the weapon that killed Berg was found in Yarborough's home, while Beam has admitted that he shot Berg 14 times. Yet, Butler does not believe that either man committed the murder.

"The FBI killed Berg. They have a history of this type of thing." Butler cited a case of a civil rights activist who was killed in the early 1960s.

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Lost signs cost county big bucks

Boy! Someone must really like the university...or else they get lost easily.

Local department of transportation (DOT) officials are frustrated at the loss late last month of the fifth WSU indicator sign in as many years on the road between Colfax and Pullman.

The latest theft victim, says Russ Shorten, a state DOT supervisor in Colfax, was a six by nine foot version of several signs that have pointed to the university/Pullman turnoff from state highway 195 during recent years.

"The sign has only been up since last August (1984) and it cost \$1345, including installation. That was the fourth or fifth sign in the last four or so years," Shorten said.

The six by nine foot sign, Shorten said, was a replacement for a three by three foot sign stolen before it which had replace a smaller sign that had pointed the way.

He also noted that during fiscal 1984, from July 1983 and June 1984, Whitman County had more than \$14,000 in vandalism to

signs, but none has been so consistently popular as the university entrance one.

"We just don't what to do anymore, this last time someone just took their chainsaw to the supports. It discouraging, but you really need a sign which helps people find the univiersity."

Shorten said replacing the sign with one with metal posts would make the sign even more expensive as the metal would have to be able to breakaway easily if hit by a car.

Grads fund gay alliance

by Kathleen T. Gilligan
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Challenging what his group calls "an overall conservative view" at this university, Mark Peterson, acting president of the Graduate and Professional Students Association (GPSA), said his group gave the Gay People's Alliance (GPA) funding and plan to continue doing so.

GPSA allocated \$500 to the GPA to use as it sees fit.

"We didn't earmark the money for anything. I would assume they would use it to pay off the debt they have accrued over the past couple of years," Peterson said.

"I would imagine that debt includes back rent on their office in the Koinonia House Common Ministries building and back phone bills and such," he said.

GPSA is an independent body from the ASWSU and consequently receives separate Service and Activity (S & A) fee money.

Peterson said he has seen positive reactions to the allocation within GPSA, not unanimous support.

"We've gotten a lot more positive than negative reaction (within GPSA)," Peterson said. "There was only one negative vote in the senate."

Groups seeking funds give presentations to the GPSA senate, which is made up of representatives from various graduate departments. The senate then votes to determine whether or not the group will receive money.

Peterson said the majority of GPSA members seem to believe the GPA has just as much right to ASWSU money as other student groups currently receiving funds.

This belief is colored by the fact that graduate and professional students are older than the majority of the people on this campus, Peterson said.

"Considering the fact that they are older, they tend to be more liberal in their views," said Peterson.

Peterson said he would like to see the GPA issue resolved.

"Who knows what the students were thinking and doing in the late seventies. Getting this whole thing taken care of now — once and for all — would help everyone out," Peterson said.