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Unthank Hall is unveiled as the new name for a University of Oregon dormitory during a ceremony with (from left) UO President Michael Schill, Libby Unthank Tower (DeNorval Unthank's daughter), architect and UO professor Otto Poticha and Eugene City Councilman Greg Evans. (Photo from UO website)

Making Amends

Racist past jettisoned in new name for dorm

(AP) -- New signs are up week at Unthank Hall, the University of Oregon dormitory renamed because of the Ku Klux Klan past of its former namesake. Friends and family of DeNorval Unthank Jr. of Portland, the first black man to graduate from the UO's architecture school, in 1951, gathered last week to celebrate the name change.

DeNorval Unthank Jr. died in 2000, but the name change ensures his legacy, younger brother Thomas Unthank said.

"I think it is very important for the school to recognize alumni, especially its minority alumni," he said.

In fall 2015, the Black Student Task Force at the UO asked the university to rename buildings

that were named for people whose histories were linked to racism. Their request focused attention on Deady Hall, the oldest building on campus, and Dunn Hall, named after a classics teacher at the UO in the early 1900s who was also an "exalted Cyclops" in the KKK.

UO leaders decided to keep the

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Injured in Leap to Escape Fire

A longtime Portland resident and business owner was injured after jumping out of a second story window to escape an apartment fire in northeast Portland Thursday.

Herman Grimes, a member of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) and the owner of Grimes and Associates, a management consulting firm, suffered leg fractures and other bodily harm when he jumped to escape the burning building, located at Northeast 57th and Glisan.

The blaze also heavily damaged a restaurant, Big's Chicken, as well as several other apart-



Herman Grimes

ments, Grimes lost his computer, cellphone and all of his personal belongings in the fire. A statement released by OAME says that

Grimes is currently staying with relatives while he figures out his housing situation.

Three individuals, including Grimes, were treated for non life-threatening injuries at Providence Portland Medical Center. The American Red Cross is providing assistance to the 14 adults who were displaced by the fire.

OAME is raising money to support Grimes' as he adjusts to life following the fire. Donations to help Grimes recover housing and personal property can be made to OAME with the memo, "Grimes Fund."