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## PLAZA TALK WITH MR. SMOCK



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Jed Smock makes a point with a student yesterday at the Alumni Plaza. Smock has drawn ever-larger crowds each day during his week of preaching on the UA Mall, prompting heated arguments, loud cursing and mocking from students vying for onlookers' attention.

## Evangelist, students debate

By Natasha Bhuyan  
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The right of free speech came into question yesterday, as tension again mounted at the Alumni Plaza when students argued for the fourth consecutive day with a preaching evangelist who was making politically incorrect comments.

Jed Smock, a traveling evangelist and author of "Who Will Rise Up: A Call to Confrontational Evangelism," has been preaching to students by Heritage Hill for the last week. But the preacher said today will be his last day.

What began as a religious debate and question of free speech quickly

turned into an afternoon entertainment session, attracting a crowd of about 150 people.

Some of Smock's comments included "a masturbator today is a homosexual tomorrow" and "God has a vagina for every homosexual." Smock also said the only thing Mexicans contribute to society is burritos, and Jewish people are only good at making bagels and running banks.

Smock advised students against "fornicating outside of marriage," drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana or doing drugs, although Smock said he found God while doing LSD in college.

UA spokesman Paul Allvin said

although preachers on campus used to be at Speaker's Corner, the location has since been removed because federal courts ruled open campuses can not dictate a location for public speakers.

However, Allvin pointed out while Smock has the right to speak at the Alumni Plaza, students also have the right to listen or leave.

Though most students disagreed with Smock's comments, they also felt it was Smock's right to be able to preach.

"This validates our First Amendment right to make asses of ourselves," said Tom Monaco, a computer science senior and member of the mock devotee group "Jed-Heads."

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## Tuition fees not covered by waivers

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Students who receive a tuition waiver from the UA will still have to pay program fees if President Peter Likins' tuition proposal, which includes an 11.4 percent total increase of resident undergraduate tuition in addition to eight program fees, is approved in March.

Jerry Hogle, vice provost of instruction, said the program fees, also known as differential tuition surcharges, in Likins' proposal are separate from tuition. As a result, students would be required to pay those fees even if they do not have to pay tuition.

Eight program fees are included in Likins' tuition proposal, which also includes total tuition increases of \$464 for resident undergraduates, \$564 for non-resident undergraduates and \$664 for graduate students.

John Nametz, director of the Office of Student Financial Aid, said students who receive merit-based tuition waivers, such as those who were in the top 2 percent of their high school class, would not be protected from the program fees through central administration.

However, the individual colleges who charge program fees have the option of offering scholarships to students in order to compensate for the fees, Nametz said.

Fifteen percent of each program fee will be a financial aid set-aside required by the state, while 10 percent will go back to central administration and 75 percent will be controlled by the college that charged the fee.

Tom Peterson, dean of the College of Engineering, said it is yet to be determined if the College of Engineering will compensate the \$300 proposed fee for students who have tuition waivers.

Susan Moody, assistant dean in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, said the college already provides about 25 students with \$40,000 in scholarships, which they receive from donors.

Although the college, which has 200 students and 135 pre-professional students, will continue to seek donors for scholarships, Moody said she does not know if there will be enough revenue to protect students with merit-based tuition waivers from paying the proposed program fees.

"We are always trying to raise money to help the students. We are not going to stop doing that," Moody said. "The fee will get applied in a way that helps the neediest people the most."

Despite past efforts to compensate students with tuition waivers, administrators said it was not feasible and will not likely happen again this year.

Two years ago, after a \$500 fee was approved in the Eller

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## WebMail 2.5 ready next week, new home page by summer

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Students can expect a new look for the UA Web site by summer, while the often-delayed launch of WebMail version 2.5 is scheduled for Tuesday.

Even though the details of the new Web site are still unofficial, consistency in design and navigation, and a clean, professional appearance are major points to be worked on, said Paul Nixon, senior Web designer for the new home page.

Not everything will change, Nixon said, as the team responsible for the redesign expects to keep features that work well on the current Web site. The news section, the weather and the www.google.com search have been popular and will not be changed.

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"We want to do a better job on focusing on things that make this university great. There's so many of them, and we feel like they have been a little bit buried," said Kathleen Jensen, director of marketing. "We want to bring those things in center."

The UA evaluates Web sites from its peer institutions — 15 universities across the country to see what other schools' Web sites have to offer.

"We don't want to be a follower, and I think this new Web site is really going to put us out in front," Jensen said.

There will be presentations to groups on campus, including student groups like the Associated Students of the University of Arizona in the near future, which will be an opportunity



Accounting senior Zahra Lalwani, left, and finance junior Suad Ahmed-Hassan work on homework for one of their classes in the Manuel T. Pacheco Integrated Learning Center. A new UA Web site is in the works for the summer, and WebMail will switch over to version 2.5 on Tuesday.

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