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 Plaza 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 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 Morcom, a computer science senior and member of the mock devil group "Jed-Heads."

Evanita, students debate

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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.

"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

WebMail 2.5 ready next week, new home page by summer