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Community says 'enough' to bloodshed

■ **RALLY:** Continuous Middle East violence prompts gathering for peace

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

They came from the University and the community. They came to comfort each other and to comfort themselves. They came to listen and to speak. They came for peace.

More than 100 people filled the EMU Courtyard Wednesday to demand an end to the violence between Israel and Palestine.

"I pray for the day when those who are carrying this hatred and destruction in their hearts will see what they're giving to the world and to their children," said Rabbi Yizhak Husbands-Hankin. "We can get lost endlessly in trying to figure out where all this started. We need to look at where this all will go."

The rally was sponsored by the Jewish Student Union and Hillel to protest recent terrorist bombings in Israel. The extremist group Hamas has claimed responsibility for the recent attacks.

"Hamas is just a tiny group," said Fadi Ibsies. "It's a speck to the Palestinians."

Rabbi Efraim Davidson, quoting a magazine article, compared the violence to "50 Oklahoma City bombings."

He also related a story about a family who lost an aunt to the bombings. Following Jewish custom, they mourned her loss for seven days. On the seventh day, they learned of their son's death.

It was tragic stories such as this that prompted University students to encourage the audience to voice their desire for change.

"We are for peace and we will not be silent," said law student Philip Shakhnis. "We hear the despair and frustration. We are at a loss. The silent majority cannot be silent."

The speakers stood in front of a banner showing a white dove holding an olive branch in its beak. The word "Enough" was written in English and in Hebrew.

The JSU also prepared a letter that will be faxed to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. They invited spectators to sign the letter.

"We must never give up," the letter said. "We must work together. We are two nations working for peace."

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Anneelana Foster (left) embraces Gillian Argoff at the rally for peace Wednesday at the EMU Courtyard. The rally took place in response to the recent bombings in Israel.

Conference contracts law with Earth

■ **ENVIRONMENT:** Endangered Species Act and NAFTA are some of many subjects to be covered

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Reporter

The University School of Law's 15th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference begins today and will run through the weekend.

This year's theme, "Contract with the Earth," is in response to the Republican Party's "Contract with America," which conference organizers said threatens the Endangered Species Act.

The opening address begins at 7:30 p.m. today in the EMU Ballroom.

The conference is expected to draw more than 3,000 people from all over the globe and will feature more than 200 speakers, many who hold top spots in their field, said Kurt Peterson, a second year law student who is organizing the event.

The conference is one of the largest of its kind and has developed an international reputation, Peterson said. He emphasized that the conference will cover subjects ranging from the future of the Endangered

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Editor takes stand to keep trees living; invents tree-free paper

■ **NATURE:** Product is made out of hemp, grass, recycled fibers and agricultural byproducts

By Sherry Rainey
Community Editor

The founder and editor of a global ecology journal was tired of compromising her values by printing her journal on paper made by trees.

"Since it's an ecology magazine and it's out there fighting for the forest, when I discovered I didn't have to use wood to make paper, I just couldn't," said Carolyn Moran, founder and editor of *Talking Leaves*.

So, Moran took an activist role and created her own paper for her journal by founding the Living Tree Paper Company in the sum-

mer of 1994. As a result, *Talking Leaves* became the first global magazine to be published on a tree-free hemp content paper.

To learn how to create tree-free paper Moran traveled around the world, including the Amazon River in Ecuador, and arrived at the conclusion of hemp as a viable alternative to tree pulp.

Then she began working with the non-wood sector of the pulp and paper industry to create a quality alternative-fiber paper.

The company's paper, Tradition Bond, is a bond blend of 10 percent hemp, 10 percent esparto grass, 20 percent post-consumer recycled fibers and 60 percent agricultural byproducts (residues from primary agricultural crops).

"It's a super-high quality paper," Moran said.

"There is an excitement about hemp right now. We need to get people used to the idea of using hemp and get rid of the stigmas."

— Carolyn Moran
founder and editor of *Talking Leaves*

The first source of the paper, hemp, is excellent for making high quality paper with its long, strong, high-cellulose fibers, she said.

"There is an excitement about hemp right now," she said. "We need to get people used to the idea of using hemp and get rid of the stigmas."

Esparto grass, the second source, enhances the qualities of

formation, smoothness, ink gloss and holdout needed for premium printing paper, she said. It is a wild-grass grown in the Sahara Plains and harvested by the women of the nomadic Bedouin people. The grass is transported by camel across the desert to a collection area where it is left in the sun to dry.

The third source, agricultural byproducts, are the residues from the primary agricultural crops such as cereal straws as well as cotton liners, which are leftover when processing cotton.

And the fourth source of the paper, post-consumer recycled fiber, is derived from recycled office paper.

The hemp is grown in Spain where the pulp is made. Then the pulp is shipped to the United States, and the paper is made on

the East Coast.

The paper is distributed from the Living Tree office on Willamette Street in Eugene. A sample ream costs \$27.95.

The Spring 1996 edition of *Talking Leaves* was the first edition to be printed on Living Tree's paper.

"Now a lot of big companies want to use it," she said. "[On campus] the *Student Insurgent* wants to switch to this paper."

Since the toxic process of making paper is the pulping, she said, the pulp plant in Spain is looking into a closed-loop system of production where no toxins go into the environment.

"Tree-free is a good beginning, but it's not perfect," she said.

For a sample copy of *Talking Leaves*, to order paper or for more information, call 342-2974.