



## Injured student gets help with bills

Local residents are raising funds to cover medical expenses for University junior Noah Smith after he was hurt in an accident

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The University Theatre is giving back to one of its own in a Sunday performance of "This Ship of Fools" — part of the play's proceeds will help support University junior Noah Smith, 22, who was severely injured in an automobile accident fall term.

On Dec. 1, Smith was driving to Eugene from his hometown of Hood River, when a tire fell off a vehicle heading in

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## Professor advocates reforming prisons

UC Riverside professor Dylan Rodriguez spoke on community accountability and said to be cautious of the justice system

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Law enforcement isn't necessary, and a community can take care of itself without locking anyone up, according to "radical thinker" Dylan Rodriguez.

The University of California at Riverside ethnic studies professor, an advocate for prison reform, spoke to about 130 University students and faculty Thursday afternoon about Prison Industrial Complex, a term used to describe how U.S. law enforcement has changed in the last 30 years.

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## Israel, Hamas map out peace

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JERUSALEM — Under strong U.S. pressure to prove they're serious about wanting Mideast peace, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon late Thursday agreed to lift sweeping restrictions on Palestinians, and new Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas promised a halt to terrorism by the militant Islamic group Hamas.

Together, the actions likely secured the need-

ed groundwork for a hastily prepared Mideast peace summit next week with President Bush in Aqaba, Jordan.

In a statement Friday morning, Sharon said that if Abbas and his security forces "indeed act to stop terror and violence" and if "quiet prevails," then Israel would commence the political negotiations needed to form a provisional Palestinian state as soon as possible.

Among the concessions agreed to by Sharon:

- Israeli troops will pull out of Palestinian cities in the West Bank and relinquish security control to Palestinians over an embattled northern stretch of the Gaza Strip. Israel also will lift border restrictions on both areas.

- Israel will reinstate 25,000 work permits to Palestinians who have been cut off from their jobs inside Israel for months because of security concerns.

- Approximately \$35 million in tax money

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## Coding commentary

Colleges nationwide debate the constitutionality of university policies for student conduct, including speech code usage

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At colleges across the nation, the effort to strike a balance between protecting free speech and ensuring that campus members are protected from verbal harassment has become a difficult juggling act, and members of the University community are at odds on how to resolve the issue.

Locally, the conflict between free speech versus protecting students from potentially hateful language has focused on inflammatory commentary, such as University student Vincent Martorano's guest commentary, "Homosexual men should hide their disgusting acts," published in the Emerald earlier this month. But the national debate about the constitutionality of university policies governing student conduct has also become razor sharp as a result of a recent lawsuit against Shippensburg University.

The lawsuit is the first of several planned by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a national advocacy group for free speech on college campuses. FIRE plans to bring suit against public colleges in all 12 federal appellate circuits in order to free university students from

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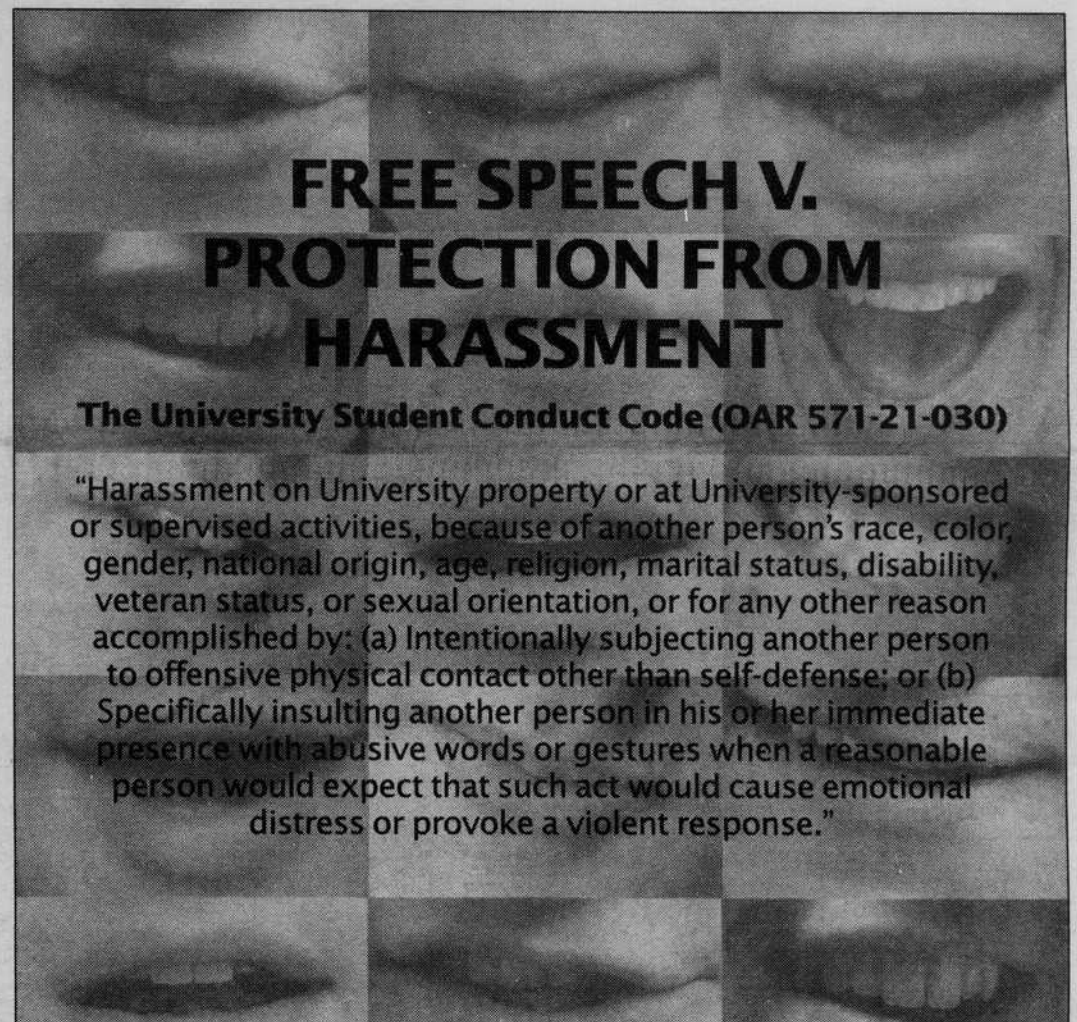


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## Alumnus sells sportswear line inspired by European fashion

Jim Hill, former Oregon track and cross country athlete, imported running pants from Europe and marketed a successful sport clothing line, SportHill, in Eugene

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Jim Hill didn't have to run much farther than his own back yard to find success. The former University track star is the founder and owner of SportHill, a Eugene-based sport apparel company that manufactures a unique type of clothing used for track, cross country, skiing and even hunting.

As an award-winning athlete, Hill's sports experi-

ence stretches beyond just clothing. Hill, a 1984 University graduate in business finance, came to the University from Virginia because he was impressed with the track and cross country programs. He ran for both teams throughout his University career and was a two-time Pac-10 champ and five-time All-American. It was in his last year at the University that Hill discovered another outlet in the world of athletics.

Hill's inspiration was a pair of pants like no other. He came across a pair of European sweat pants used for running at the World Cross Country Championships in Ireland. Hill used them for years, but was unable to find an American brand that matched their quality. Most American running apparel was either tight Lycra material or baggy, heavier material. The European style was a stretch material, but it was not tight and was very breathable. Back in Eugene, Hill

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Jim Hill's SportHill business in west Eugene began when Hill, a university alumnus, sold European-style sports pants out of the trunk of his car.