







Saturday Hip-I

"16th Annual RiverWalk and RiverRun 2003" (sponsored by Levi Strauss & Co. and KVAL-TV, 5k walk and run benefit for HIV Alliance), registration at 8:30 a.m., run at 9:30, walk at 10:30, Alton Baker Park, 342-5088 ext. 23

Campus buzz

Hip-hop concert (sponsored by the Multicultural Center), 4-8 p.m., EMU Amphitheater.

"Music Technology Concert" (composer and clarinetist Burton Beerman, and dancer and choreographer Celesta Haraszti), 8 p.m., 198 Music, \$5 general, \$3 students and senior citizens, 346-5678. Green Garter Band spring dance (the band will perform live music form the '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s), 8 p.m., Agate Hall, \$5, \$3 with student ID, 345-3301.

Monday

Vice provost interview (third of three candidates), 11 a.m.-noon, EMU Board Room.

Israel

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will be turned over each month to the Palestinian Authority. Israel had frozen Palestinian government assets during the past 32 months of violence.

 Palestinian VIPs, such as lawmakers and security officials, will be allowed to travel freely between the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They have needed permission from the Israeli military to travel.

 Israel will release 100 detained suspected militants and review the cases of other prisoners for possible release.

The Israeli concessions — reported on Israeli television and confirmed by officials — followed a promise from the Palestinian leader Abbas to work forcefully to put an end to suicide attacks and a surprising promise that he could secure a complete cease-fire by Hamas in coming days.

He told an Israeli newspaper that he

could negotiate similar arrangements with Islamic Jihad and other groups.

Hamas leaders in Gaza City told Knight Ridder on Thursday that if Abbas could secure an agreement to release prisoners and to end targeted attacks on Palestinian militants, the group would consider a temporary truce.

Another Palestinian militant group, however, the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, issued a statement Thursday saying they would not conform to any cease-fire: "We reject the road map to hell and any cease-fire until the rights of the Palestinian people are restored without condition," said a statement faxed to news agencies.

Al Aqsa has launched the most suicide attacks against Israelis in the last three years. Hamas attacks, however, have been more deadly.

Violence in the past month has killed nearly 50 people and wounded hundreds.

With all the world looking forward to the arrival of Bush for the Mideast peace summit next week, Palestinian suicide attacks or a major Israeli military offensive before then could now only be viewed as acts of sabotage, analysts say.

According to the text of the threephase road map, each side must issue "unequivocal" statements of support for the peace process. Israeli leaders must issue a statement "calling for an immediate end to violence against Palestinians everywhere." Palestinians, for their part, must reciprocate with a statement "calling for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire" against Israelis anywhere.

On Sunday, Israel did endorse the road map, but with reservations and a promise from Washington that its concerns would be addressed later.

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Sportswear

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began thinking business.

"I began importing out of England and selling them around Eugene and even out of the trunk of my car," Hill said. "I saw an unfulfilled need in the marketplace."

By 1986 Hill's company had sold close to 10,000 pairs of pants. The pants were quickly becoming popular, but Hill said he wasn't as interested in creating other products just yet.

"At that time, I was still running, and I was very busy," he said. "I was also very niche oriented. I wanted to focus on doing one thing well."

Over the years, SportHill has taken

on an expanded line, selling pants, tops, vests, jackets and even underwear. In the early 1990s, it developed a line made from a material it calls 3sp, which is 100 percent polypropylene. It can be used in low temperatures, and it is lightweight and dries easily.

Mary Robertson, a manager at REI, said their best selling product is the 3sp pant, which is marketed for cross country skiing. She said customers use the pants for a wide variety of sports.

"It's a fantastic product for this climate," Robertson said. "The pants are comfortable, durable and even flattering. There's nothing better than a good pair of black pants."

Shawna Solomon, a University student and manager at Run Proathletic shop, said one reason she enjoys SportHill is their local appeal.

"It's really good to support local business, and they're an easy company to support," Solomon said. "I've had people say they've had the tights last for 10 years."

SportHill supplies clothing to many high school and university teams, as well as the Canadian National and Olympic Ski Teams, and markets its products worldwide.

Though Hill no longer runs competitively, he can still be found out in the field — he's coached the Pleasant Hill High School distance team since last spring.

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Help

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the opposite direction, hit the concrete median and became airborne, striking the cab of his truck.

The impact shattered Smith's C-7 vertebrae, and left him quadriplegic. He currently has no movement or feeling in his legs and limited movement in his arms and hands, his mother, Marilyn Smith, said.

Noah Smith spent most of winter term at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland doing physical therapy and is currently undergoing physical therapy at the Lokomat Clinical Trial at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

"His goal is to be able to walk again," Marilyn Smith said.

At the Lokomat Clinical Trial, Smith attends therapy three times a week, and with the help of a machine, he practices walking.

"The idea is that as time goes on, he'll support more of his own body weight and re-learn to walk by repeating the motions," Marilyn Smith said.

Much of the student's therapy is made possible through the help of family, friends and even strangers donating their time and money. Lauren Armstrong, a University senior and cast member in "This Ship of Fools," became good friends with Smith several months before the accident. She said she never could have foreseen such a horrible thing happening to such an "angelic person."

"This accident took all of us by surprise," she said. "None of us expected this to happen to him. He struggled really hard to stay positive. Because he was such a loving friend, people were coming to see him in droves."

Smith has automobile insurance and insurance through the University's Health Center, but the driver of the other vehicle was uninsured. Marilyn Smith said her son's insurance does not cover the costs for his medical needs. The family decided not to file a lawsuit against the driver because there were no available assets.

Members of the University and the local community have made several contributions to Smith in the past six months. The biggest contribution was generated from a fundraiser held in Hood River, where the Smiths received a donation of about \$30,000.

Pour Babies performed at Lord Leebrick Theatre Company and earned \$900, which they donated to Smith, and the family also received \$4,000 in donations from a local bank account at Pacific Continental Bank, established in Smith's honor.

"I can tell you that we've been really overwhelmed by the generosity," Marilyn Smith said. "This has truly been the brightest spot since the accident."

Before the accident, Smith was working toward a major in Spanish and a minor in theater, but now he is uncertain when he'll return, his mother said.

"He wants to return, but it's really too soon to determine when he will," Marilyn Smith said.

For now, Noah Smith is expected to move back to Hood River at the end of June, and this weekend he's going on one of his first outings since the injury — camping with other patients from Lokomat Clinical Trial.

"He's maintained a positive attitude, considering his situation," Armstrong said.

For more information about Smith or to make a contribution, check out his Web site at www.noahsmith.org.

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