

CAMPUS PREACHERS IN THE NEWS

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Street preachers draw student protestors

"A weary Brother Jed Smock rose from his collapsible chair, crucifix-topped staff in one hand, Bible in the other, relieving Sister Doris from her position in the crowd. On Monday, the northern corner of the fountain in Dede Plaza served as a dugout for Jed and his fellow speaker...."

<http://www.indianastatesman.com/news/street-preachers-draw-student-protestors-1.1639617>

Understanding Bible Jim's preaching

".....The Bible tells us to go out and preach the gospel to the world, but I don't go out and talk to complete strangers about Jesus and what he did for them. The people preaching on campus really are just following what they think is the right way. Isn't that the point of freedom in America? We all know that they aren't forcing anything on any of us....."

<http://unlvrebelyell.com/2010/04/12/understanding-bible-jim%E2%80%99s-preaching/>

Preachers open discussion on campus

"...On a brisk Monday in early November, many Ball State students didn't realize they would come to campus to fight a battle over religious beliefs. Students drifted in and out of a crowd outside the Art and Journalism Building to listen — and argue — with father-son evangelists Jim and Chris Deferio during their seven-hour visit to campus Nov. 8....."

<http://www.bsudailynews.com/news/preachers-open-discussion-on-campus-1.2427469>

Challenging the campus preachers

"...The Michigan State University campus chapter for the Center for Inquiry held a self-described "respectful" protest challenging the campus preachers who frequently accost passersby behind Wells Hall....."

<http://lansingonlinenews.com/news/challenging-the-campus-preachers/>

Preacher Angers Students at Student Center Circle

"Morality is living a life of intelligence. Immorality is living a life of unintelligence, when you're governed by your feelings instead of being governed by your conscience," Morrell said.

When a student asked if he had feelings, he responded, "I have feelings, but I don't live to gratify my flesh... I live to please God."

<http://centralrecorder.com/2009/11/19/preacher-makes-stand-at-student-center-circle/>

Understanding Bible Jim's preaching

"If you are a student at UNLV, you have most likely seen this group of people at some point, outside the CBC. They are Christians who come on campus to tell people about Jesus, or, more accurately, to tell people about Hell. They have signs that read about the sins proclaimed in the Bible and they attract so much attention that they don't even need megaphones....."

<http://unlvrebelyell.com/2010/04/12/understanding-bible-jim%E2%80%99s-preaching/>

God Hates Yale: Street-fighting evangelist terrorizes/amuses Elis

"Turn or burn," you sodomizing, Obama-worshipping, drug-addled Yale students! So warns Jesse Morrell, the 25-year old mini-preacher who has descended on the fair streets of New Haven, spitting fire and brimstone, and railing against good old-fashioned Ivy League debauchery...."

<http://www.ivygateblog.com/2009/12/god-hates-yale-street-fighting-evangelist-terrorizesamuses-yalies/>

Students attack free speech

".....Two street preachers arrived late in the morning to spread their message to the students enjoying the spring weather in the amphitheater. The preachers explained their views on sin and condemned the behavior of "fornicators, drunks and sodomites." The protest quickly gained the attention of a large crowd. Some students started responding to the men's preaching. Students began chants of "bullshit" while some yelled "fascist" at the preacher....."

<http://tnjn.com/2010/apr/01/students-attack-free-speech/>

Traveling preachers on UT's campus draw a vocal crowd

"A pair of traveling preachers attracted a rowdy crowd of students at the University of Tennessee Wednesday afternoon. Students waved signs and loudly tried to overpower the voices of the preachers....."

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/apr/01/traveling-preachers-uts-campus-draw-vocal-crowd/>

Evangelists cause student protests, debates

"Wednesday afternoon, around noon, many students gathered as freelance preacher, John McGlone and his friend, who prefers to remain nameless, preached the Gospel to students at Humanities Plaza. The two preachers attracted more than 150 students....."

<http://tnjn.com/2010/apr/01/evangelists-cause-student-prot/>

Man preaches Christianity to students on campus

".....Crowds of students gathered in the quad area next to McCarthy Hall and the Humanities building Wednesday to listen to George Edward Smock express his religious beliefs to anyone who would listen. "I'm teaching the Bible out here," responded Smock to a group of infuriated students within the crowd that were questioning him for trying to impose his beliefs on the students of Cal State Fullerton....."

<http://www.dailytitan.com/2010/03/man-preaches-christianity-to-students-on-campus/>

Campus Preachers

"We discuss the arguments and impacts of the local preachers here at University Park: Gary Catel, Clarence "Bro" Cope, and many more. Some links that we promised to provide....."

<http://heathenhavenpsu.blogspot.com/2010/03/campus-preachers.html>

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<http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9001140>

Traveling preacher causes uproar at SHSU

"reaching at most major universities in North America, George Smock, also known as Jed Smock or Brother Jed, is a self-proclaimed evangelist who tries to convert college students to Christianity by means of confrontational evangelism....."

<http://media.www.houstonianonline.com/media/storage/paper229/news/2007/02/13/CampusNews/Taking.A.Stand-2716292.shtml?sourcedomain=www.houstonianonline.com&MIIHost=media.collegepublisher.com>

Jeremiah Baldwin and Jed Smock elicited mostly negative responses from students

"....Wearing a sandwich board condemning "rebellious women," "racists," "child-molesting homosexuals," "sports nuts" and "Mormons" to hell, traveling preacher Jeremiah Baldwin argued with a crowd of University students and community members in the Heart of Campus Tuesday afternoon....."

<http://www.dailymerald.com/media/storage/paper859/news/2006/05/31/News/Traveling.Preachers.Stir.Campus-2015007.shtml?noreferrer=200605312254&sourcedomain=www.dailymerald.com>

An Uncomfortable Message

"....The First Amendment preserves the right to free speech for all Americans, however misguided a message. University Police Chief Tom Dewey spent a few hours keeping the peace during Brother Matt's message. He said time and again the United States Supreme Court has ruled that free speech in public spaces, such as the Quad of our publicly-owned university, cannot be censored by the government, police or administration. "While some people, perhaps even the majority of those present, perceived last week's street preacher's language as hateful and offensive to certain groups, the fact is that his speech never crossed the line to "fighting words,"" he said. Dewey said that campuses have consistently lost battles in court when enacting content-based bans on speech. The street preacher who was here last week has won settlements against campuses who have violated his Constitutional rights, Dewey said...."

<http://www.thejackonline.org/news/an-uncomfortable-message-1.2060202>

Campus Preacher 2

"This guy was on campus the other day shouting at people trying to scare them into repentance. I'm no doctor, but that doesn't seem like the most effective way to share teachings of a loving God"

<http://methadoneclinicfinder.com/methadone-doctors/campus-preacher-2/>

Traveling preacher hurls insults, opens dialogue

".....two SOU students who are in his "flock," came to do "crowd control" by reminding students that the problem was not Bourgault, but them — because they were giving Bourgault attention and trading insults with him. "It was intense, out of control, but it created a teachable moment," said Frechette. "God fully redeemed it. The door was closed and Matt blew it open. I was in the dorms Tuesday night, teaching — and God was the topic at SOU for the first time in many years...."

<http://archive.mailtribune.com/archive/2006/0519/local/stories/preacher.htm>

The Willard Preacher

"This is the first hand account of the Gary Cattell, The Willard Preacher, an Orthodox Christian street preacher who preached the Gospel at Pennsylvania State University, in front of Willard

Hall. I've been a 'fan' of his for some time, and I'm very happy to be able to publish his story..."
<http://journeytoorthodoxy.com/2010/12/02/the-willard-preacher/#axzz17TdmDs7A>

Open Air Preaching in the USA Nov. 28, 2010

"We are just finishing up a one month outreach of the west side of the U.S., having traveled six thousand miles. Ten states, thirteen campuses, a couple of churches, streets and parks, thousands of tracts, books, and other outreach materials were handed out. Several men and their families traveled with us to share good news in this once great God fearing nation of ours....."
<http://www.luketentwo.com/open-air-preaching-in-the-usa/>

Brother Matt draws crowd to Library Lawn

"Voices were raised where frisbees usually fly. As the crowd on Library Lawn began to swell to nearly 300 onlookers, Matt Bourgault's message of repentance and redemption was just getting underway Wednesday afternoon....."
<http://www.ocolly.com/brother-matt-draws-crowd-to-library-lawn-1.1656230>

Loathing on Campus

".....Over the next 20 minutes, the crowd grew and confrontations started to arise. When Brother Matt shouted that every "potty-mouth[ed]" lesbian was going to hell, it caused a large stir that made the crowd grow even more. A girl on a cell phone said, "I'm a lesbian and this is my girlfriend on the phone." Not even startled by this open announcement the speaker looked her right in the face, with a stare that I had seen millions of times throughout my young religious stint, and told her she would 'be skipped across the lake of hell like a flat stone.'....."
<http://usmfreepress.org/2004/11/loathing-on-campus/>

Street Preacher at MSU

Last week I watched a street preacher draw a crowd of students at MSU and was fascinated by it. They did not like what he was saying and they argued with him, but they were listening. I told several people about it.
<http://pegsponderings.blogspot.com/2008/05/street-preacher-at-msu.html>

Students, staff gather for Day of Silence

".....Smock said he appreciated the protest because he said it added to his message by drawing more to the audience. "A few of them could be touched by my message," Smock said. "You know, I haven't completely given up on homosexuals." Smock said that though he wasn't aware Friday was the Day of Silence, he was aware of its existence and hails it. "It's one of my favorite days of the year because homosexuals tend to be very mouthy and loud and noisy and boisterous in promoting their perversion, and so I welcome the one day of the year when they are silent," Smock said....."
<http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2009/4/20/students-staff-gather-day-silence/>

Evangelist Jesse Morrell at Yale

<http://www.yaledailynews.com/videos/2009/dec/06/247/>

Penn State Responds to Campus Preachers

"The Penn State Atheist Agnostic Association decided to set up shop next to some campus preachers on Monday....."
<http://friendlyatheist.com/2010/09/01/penn-state-responds-to-campus-preachers/>

A lesson in free speech

".....Visits from the street preachers and other outside groups have been taking place several times each semester for more than ten years. As non-students, however, their presentations on campus are confined to the designated First Amendment area...."

<http://ksusentinel.com/featured/a-lesson-in-free-speech/>

Heated Debate On University of Memphis Campus

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http://www.wreg.com/news/wreg-christian-debate_0,2277648.story

Picketer preaches faith

"....He has to show up and start saying false, rude accusations about the religion and about the people," said Amir Bertuni, one of the students who attended the festival and witnessed the picketing. Mark Steven, from the Church of Bible Believers, protested at the same time as the Middle Eastern Student's society's ME to OC Festival....."

<http://www.dailytitan.com/2010/12/01/picketer-preaches-faith/>

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<http://usmfreespress.org/2004/11/loathing-on-campus/>

Students confront aggressive preachers

"Preaching leads to small conversations that are life changing and key," said Ruben Israel, a preacher from the Los Angeles chapter of Bible Believers and a follower of Campus Ministry U.S.A. "We've led everyone to the Lord. Now it's up to them." The School of Evangelism seminar ends today as the preachers move on to other universities around the country, but they could return to MU throughout the year....."

<http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2005/9/9/students-confront-aggressive-preachers/>

Speaker's Circle's biggest feud rages on

"....A preacher who calls himself Reuben Israel is a board member of Smock's School of Evangelism. He said he believes the provoking tactics work.

"Our method looks vicious, but we do care for the students," Israel said. "We do it for shock and awe. We're in the Jerry Springer era, and if there's no clash, the students will walk."

<http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2007/8/31/speaker-s-circle-s-biggest-feud-rages-on/>

Preachers claim UNLV limiting free speech

"....The six campus preachers making the claims are local and national preachers, some of whom travel to college campuses around the country speaking about Christianity or the Bible. They are claiming that UNLV officials are limiting their ability to practice free speech by corralling them into zones on the campus designated for "free speech" activities.

"Basically, on a college campus, free speech should be paramount," preacher Ruben Israel said on Tuesday. "In about five years, the UNLV free speech area is going to be in Henderson."

Israel said he is considering bringing up a civil lawsuit against UNLV to get "recognition" of the issue and "to allow free speech areas not to be squelched."

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2004/dec/08/preachers-claim-unlv-limiting-free-speech/>

Street preacher challenges free thinkers to debate

"A traveling street preacher challenges free thinkers to an open debate over three days beginning on Oct. 21....."

<http://tnjn.com/2010/oct/13/street-preacher-challenges-fre/>

Irate preachers inaccurately portray Christianity on campus

"...Enough is enough. That's my heart for the screaming preachers who roll through UK. They keep bringing their gospels of condemnation, attempting to indoctrinate the crowds with this disgusting ideology of "shape up or be judged," and I'm fed up with it – and I'm not the only one....."

<http://kykernel.com/2010/09/23/irate-preachers-inaccurately-portray-christianity-on-campus/>

Traveling preachers spark uproar at Winthrop

ROCK HILL, S.C. - A few hundred Winthrop University students in protest swarmed a group of traveling preachers shouting their message from footstools on the sidewalk in front of Byrnes Auditorium on Wednesday.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/10/14/1760578/traveling-preachers-spark-uproar.html>

Roman Catholic vs. Campus Preacher

"....In this clip from this day of preaching, you can see him going back and forth with a Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic exposes his faulty foundation of tradition over the Scriptures...."

<http://kentuckyhelp.com/roman-catholic-vs-campus-preacher-kerrigan-skelly-university-of-kentucky.html>

'As long as you keep coming, I'll be out there to fight against you'

"A college professor – unhappy that a Christian pastor comes to the campus of Minnesota State University at Mankato to share his faith – is blaming the minister for suicide deaths in the homosexual community and calling him "douchebag."....."

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=220025>

A Preacher Came to Campus Today

"So a preacher came to campus today. Don't know his name. I'd heard people talking about him all day– he had a rather epic staff with a crucifix on the top of it. He apparently said some very interesting things to students that sounded reasonable for a preacher... and so after I had my advising appointment, later in the day, I decided to go talk to him. I am glad I did....."

<http://jadedoto.net/index.php/2010/10/27/a-preacher-came-to-campus-today/>

Evangelical religious speaker Brother Jed visited Missouri State

"Evangelical religious speaker, Brother Jed, visited Missouri State University Monday to spread his beliefs to students in front of Strong Hall. George Edward Smock, 67, of Columbia, Mo., tours campuses throughout the country every year...."

<http://katherine8732.wordpress.com/2010/10/22/65/>

We Fought For the Right to Hear Him Speak

"....Visiting speakers who appear on behalf of an organization have to follow rules and guidelines, according to Missouri State's university policies. The Expressive Activity Policy actually protects the rights of demonstrators and people posing a counter-demonstration if they find that speaker offensive....."

<http://aleapofbadfaith.wordpress.com/2010/10/22/brother-jed-we-fought-for-the-right-to-hear-him-speak/>

Evangelist causes a stir on campus

"...Evangelist preacher Jesse Morrell caused a bit of commotion Tuesday as he read from the Bible outside of the Rothwell Student Center. "Homosexuals! They'll get it in the end!" shouted Morrell. The preacher is part of the Open Air Outreach, an organization that travels to college campuses all over the country to promote their religious beliefs....."

<http://www.uwsuper-stinger.com/jesse-morrell.html>

One way to deal with crazy campus preachers

"....Crazy campus preachers are fairly typical in the fall. One, it's still warm, which is conducive to standing around outside yelling at people. But two, they hope to prey on the confused and lonely freshman. Because, according to this group, going to college is the work of the devil...."

<http://www.blaghag.com/2010/09/one-way-to-deal-with-crazy-campus.html>

Heated Debate On University of Memphis Campus:

".....But many in the crowds were not exactly in harmony with what the men were preaching. "It made me feel like he was convicting others when he doesn't have a right to judge. Only God does," said Lauryn Caldwell....."

http://www.wreg.com/news/wreg-christian-debate_0,2277648.story

Fire & brimstone:

"Tempers flared on the south side of campus yesterday when two evangelist preachers verbally clashed with students lounging near the alumni mall....."

<http://media.www.dailyhelmsman.com/media/storage/paper875/news/2010/08/31/News/Fire-Brimstone-3926162.shtml>

Preacher issued trespassing order:

"Students won't be seeing Brother Terry, the preacher who has been the cause of a few complaints stemming from the volume of his sermons, anytime soon on the Portland campus. USM Police issued him a trespassing order for the Portland campus area on Tuesday, meaning Terry could be arrested if he returns....."

<http://usmfreepress.org/2010/09/preacher-issued-trespassing-order/>

Free speech or hate speech?:

"There's nothing like a little fire and brimstone to warm up a chilly September day. George Edward Smock, also known as Brother Jed, brought his version of evangelism to the UW-Eau Claire campus mall Tuesday....."

<http://media.www.spectatornews.com/media/storage/paper218/news/2010/09/16/CampusNews/Free-Speech.Or.Hate.Speech-3932091.shtml#4>

Texas Tech Police called to free speech area to control crowd:

"Religious protestors stood in the free speech area outside the Student Union Building in an attempt to give their interpretation of the Bible to Tech students Thursday. Two male protestors held signs, yelled Bible verses and got into heated arguments with the many students who gathered....."

<http://www.dailytoreador.com/news/religious-protestors-draw-large-crowd-near-sub-1.2333064>

Religious protesters draw crowd:

<http://www.dailytoreador.com/multimedia/religious-protesters-draw-crowd-1.2332776>

Street preacher stirs up students:

"Jesse Morrell, a traveling street preacher, visited campus this week and stood outside the HUC trying to convert students in the same fire and brimstone style that he used during his last visit to campus. Student reaction was mostly negative again this year....."

<http://www.uab.edu/kscope/kaleidoscope-article-2695.html>

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Passers-by hear visitors preach

"I felt God had called me to preach in the open air," Piater said. "Only after God revealed himself to me -- that's what healed me of my sin."

Aside from the signs some preachers were holding -- reading "Trust Jesus" and "Evolution is a Lie," among other slogans...."

http://www.collegian.psu.edu/archive/2009/09/03/passersby_hear_visitors_preach.aspx

Speaking Up About Speaking Out

"Last week our campus was visited by what some might call a hellfire and brimstone street preacher. He showed up belching hatred and garnered the anger, mockery or disdain of nearly everyone he encountered. I saw many of our students not just challenging his ideas, as he was just as vocally challenging theirs, but also complaining about his right to be in our little microcosm of the universe spreading his message in the manner he chose to deliver it....."

<http://media.www.sschronicle.com/media/storage/paper1252/news/2009/09/02/Opinion/Speaking.Up.About.Speaking.Out-3759393.shtml>

Weapon of choice against God-fearing preachers

"....Okay, I'm exaggerating, but you get my gist. God hates everyone, or so people such as Brother Jed preach. If you were on Wescoe Beach last Wednesday, you probably saw our recurring, fear-God-or-go-to-hell visitor preaching about loving Jesus while damning 99.9 percent of the world....."

http://www.kansan.com/news/2009/sep/01/bornstein_weapon_choice_against_godfearing_preacher/?opinion

Preacher Rains Hellfire on Shawnee State Campus

"....Many students were baffled on their walk to class Wed. and Thu. when a man wearing a sandwich board that read "Repent or Perish" was spreading his religious beliefs through what many considered an unorthodox method....."

<http://media.www.sschronicle.com/media/storage/paper1252/news/2009/09/02/News/Preacher.Rains.Hellfire.On.Shawnee.State.Campus-3759383.shtml>

Formerly banned street preacher starts semester as a student

".....I had a fire burning inside of me," Faulkner said. "When it exploded I was compelled to start ministering." His preaching at ISU led to numerous confrontations with members of the campus community in the spring of 2003-harassment, trespassing and one claim of battery-which resulted in him being banned from the university. He was then arrested for trespassing and served six months in the Vigo County jail....."

<http://www.indianastatesman.com/2.3880/formerly-banned-street-preacher-starts-semester-as-a-student-1.454382>

Column: UW-Platteville's campus preachers are crossing the line

"...Freedom of speech is a constitutional right, and I am a supporter and user of that right. However, a person standing outside of a college student center yelling about their personal religious beliefs and bearing false witness against their neighbor is not an appropriate use of that right. Plus, one of the Ten Commandments instructs believers to not bear false witness against one's neighbor. Wouldn't accusing people of sins you don't know they have committed fall into that category? Additionally, doesn't it say somewhere in the Bible, "let him who is without sin cast the first stone?"

<http://www.uwpexponent.org/2009/10/08/column-uw-plattevilles-campus-preachers-are-crossing-the-line/>

Traveling preachers stir campus

"....Wearing a sandwich board condemning "rebellious women," "racists," "child-molesting homosexuals," "sports nuts" and "Mormons" to hell, traveling preacher Jeremiah Baldwin argued with a crowd of University students and community members in the Heart of Campus Tuesday afternoon...."

<http://www.dailymerald.com/2.2358/traveling-preachers-stir-campus-1.202712>

Christians clash on campus

".....Smock said he is happy about the student turnout and response to CMUSA's work. "I think people all over campus are talking about evangelism," Smock said. "I'm happy we got a lot of attention. The students are enjoying it. It's kind of an event." Although he disagrees with Smock, Jenkins said his presence is not entirely negative. "I like having him around," Jenkins said. "Campus would be less lively without him."

<http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2006/9/1/christians-clash-campus/>

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<http://www.timesnews.net/article.php?id=9001140>

Religious protestors spark student debate behind University Center

"....Shortly after their arrival, campus safety was called. Although they could not remove the men from the area, officers remained on the scene of the demonstration most of the day. Sonnier, who drew the most attention, held a large sign calling attention to homosexuals, "lazy Christians," Muslims, Mormons, women who have had abortions and countless others, warning them of their condemned fate if they didn't repent for their sins...."

<http://media.www.themichiganjournal.com/media/storage/paper255/news/2006/04/20/News/Religious.Protestors.Spark.Student.Debate.Behind.University.Center-1865872.shtml>

'Confrontational Evangelist'

"....Brother Jed faces a crowd of rowdy students in front of Wescoe Hall, yellow electrical cords dangling from each hand, screaming his biblical sex education short course. "Now boys and girls, in the realm of e-lect-riciteeey, you've got to be prop-erly PLUGGED IN!"

http://www.kansan.com/news/2007/nov/29/brother_jed/?news

Speaker's Circle's biggest feud rages on

"....According to the practitioners of a style of preaching called "confrontational evangelism," all fornicators, liars, hip-hoppers, gay men and lesbians, among many others, are on their way to burning in the fiery pits of hell. The practitioners, who use hostility to convert individuals, spoke in Speaker's Circle this week...."

<http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2007/8/31/speaker-s-circle-s-biggest-feud-rages-on/>

A lesson in free speech

"...Another member, who gave his name only as J.K., said the message he was spreading was "Repent and believe the gospel and live by the teachings of the Bible."

<http://dailyindependent.com/local/x1192759268/A-lesson-in-free-speech>

Controversial self-proclaimed Gospel preacher comes back to MSU with a message condemning homosexuality

"...With a worn, red leather Bible clutched firmly in his hand and a fiery tone in his voice, a familiar face to the Mississippi State campus proclaimed his return Monday on the Drill Field while also condemning homosexuals, masturbators and all students enrolled at MSU...."

<http://www.reflector-online.com/2.13177/venyah-returns-1.1779811>

Students confront aggressive preachers

"Preachers from several Christian denominations across the country and overseas have gathered in the Speaker's Circle since Tuesday to practice "confrontational evangelism," a method taught by Jed Smock, a local preacher and the founder of Campus Ministry U.S.A. Students assembled to protest Campus Ministry U.S.A. for the first time this semester on Thursday by holding signs and riding bikes around the preachers....."

<http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2005/9/9/students-confront-aggressive-preachers/>

Student pushes preacher

"...Campus evangelist Matt Bourgault was preaching to University of New Mexico students on their Albuquerque campus Wednesday. UNM sophomore Meisha Dwight did not appreciate his message, however, and therefore decided to push him off the concrete ledge serving as his makeshift pulpit. UNM police arrested Dwight on the scene, charging her with battery.."

http://badgerherald.com/news/2005/10/28/student_pushes_preac.php

'You're going to hell' say campus preachers

"...His performances draw crowds larger than most campus events and he never disappoints with the theatrics. He scolds, reprimands, rebukes and taunts students every time he swaggers around the Belk Tower, which for that moment is his makeshift pulpit....."

<http://www.nineronline.com/2.5290/you-re-going-to-hell-say-campus-preachers-1.545778>

Street preachers cause a commotion on campus

"...For the second year in a row, Brother George "Jed" Smock and his street preaching companion Michael Leisner shouted sins and condemned a large and vocal crowd of UW-River Falls students...."

<http://www.uwrfvoice.com/index.php/news/article/851/>

Original Willard Preacher returns

".....Now, the 61-year-old, white-haired, suspender-clad Cope -- who returned this August after a long hiatus -- says students are just as eager to listen and to argue with him as they were three decades ago, insults still intact. When he started, Cope was often hit and spit on. Cope, who preached at Willard from 1976 to 1982, was even targeted by a student armed with pies. Though he avoided the pastry-throwing assailant, a friend of his was not so lucky....."

http://www.collegian.psu.edu/archive/2008/09/24/original_willard_preacher_retu.aspx

Evangelical minister draws critical crowd on Diag

"...Hundreds of passersby came to a standstill when they caught a glimpse of Smock's signs, which read "Jesus Hates Sin" and "Jesus Loves Righteousness."

Smock's message didn't fare well with students, many of whom encircled the suspenders-clad preacher for hours....."

<http://www.michigandaily.com/content/2008-09-24/minister-draws-criticism-diag>

Speaker sparks outrage at PSU

"...Bourgault read aloud from the Bible and spoke about the sins of the human race, more specifically, the sins of PSU students. He criticized homosexuals as homosexual students stood before him. He criticized students for having sex before marriage. He also criticized anyone who wasn't a Christian and said non-Christians would be sentenced to eternal damnation. "You will burn in hell if you do not believe on Jesus Christ," Bourgault told the gathering of students..."

<http://www.morningsun.net/news/x1452588098/Speaker-sparks-outrage-at-PSU>

Religious "saint" tells students to repent

"...Kevin Farrer, a self-proclaimed "saved man," started the demonstration just before nine a.m. in the Quad's free speech area. Farrer held a sign that said "Give your life to Jesus" and wore a t-shirt that asked, "Ask me about why you deserve hell?"

<http://www.statehornet.com/2.4409/religious-saint-tells-students-to-repent-1.559488>

Visiting preachers spur debate

"....As a teenager, 57-year-old James McDonald hitchhiked on the streets, trying to find his purpose in life. Now he's preaching in the streets. Amidst some shouting, unwillingness to listen and even laughter, a group of five evangelists from Rochester and Buffalo, N.Y., preached the Bible outside the HUB-Robeson Center Wednesday...."

http://www.collegian.psu.edu/archive/2009/01/22/as_a_teenager_57yearold_james.aspx

American street preacher wins his free speech case

Jesse Morrell, a 24-year-old with a ministry of traveling to college campuses to preach the Gospel, has won a settlement with the city of New Haven, Conn., to resume calling students to repentance on the streets near Yale University, reports [Baptist Press](#).

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue6812.html>

Sermon on the stump:

"....Marcus Pittman is a street preacher, which some might call a "gospel shouter." Duke of Gloucester Street, among other places, is where he spreads his message to anyone within earshot. Not everyone is enthralled. His First Amendment right to freedom of religion and free expression is jarring to some...."

<http://www.vagazette.com/articles/2010/01/23/news/doc4b5a2bec8e09a278345820.txt>

Gospel preachers return to UA:

"The Gospel means 'good news,' but we have to show the bad news first," independent minister Shawn David Holes said to a small crowd by Heritage Hill Tuesday. This week, Holes traveled with independent street preacher Jeff Rose and Orlando, Fla., schoolteacher Scott Smith to the UA campus to preach the gospel to college students and hand out complimentary gospel pamphlets to passers-by and students....."

<http://wildcat.arizona.edu/news/gospel-preachers-return-to-ua-1.1078081>

Free speech prevails in Conn. Case:

".....They said that his message was bothering them and asked [for] him to be arrested," Scruggs explains. "And so he eventually was arrested and then released because they could get no one essentially to press charges against him...."

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Legal/Default.aspx?id=868854>

Man preaches Christianity to students on campus

"Crowds of students gathered in the quad area next to McCarthy Hall and the Humanities building Wednesday to listen to George Edward Smock express his religious beliefs to anyone who would listen. "I'm teaching the Bible out here," responded Smock to a group of infuriated

students within the crowd that were questioning him for trying to impose his beliefs on the students of Cal State Fullerton....”

<http://www.dailytitan.com/2010/03/man-preaches-christianity-to-students-on-campus/>

Campus Preachers

“We discuss the arguments and impacts of the local preachers here at University Park: Gary Catel, Clarence “Bro” Cope, and many more. Some links that we promised to provide.....”

<http://heathenhavenpsu.blogspot.com/2010/03/campus-preachers.html>

Brother Micah, the Insult-hurling Preacher, Returns to Boca

“Brother Micah is back. For those who aren’t familiar with him, Micah Armstrong is a radical Christian preacher who travels to college campuses in the Southeast, preaching his beliefs and calling students porno-watchers and fornicators.....”

http://blogs.browardpalmbeach.com/juice/2010/03/brother_micah_armstrong.php

How to Make the Most of a Campus Preacher

“Brother Jed & Sister Cindy are notorious campus preachers and they were at the University of Arizona last week....”

<http://friendlyatheist.com/2010/02/22/how-to-make-the-most-of-a-campus-preacher/>

Police investigating fight on Free Speech Lawn

“.....Another man, whom the crowd called “Brother Mark,” stepped into the circle that police had set up to protect Brother Micah from the spectators. A UP reporter witnessed a man punch

“Brother Mark” after getting angry about something that was said.....”

<http://www.upressonline.com/police-investigating-fight-on-free-speech-lawn-1.2176422>