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Dalai Lama Urges the Globe to Encompass Responsibility and Compassion

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In a world where "every man for himself" is a common mentality and seemingly similar religions are at odds with one another, the Dalai Lama is spreading a message of religious harmony and universal responsibility.

Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, spoke at NSU's Don Taft University Center Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 23, giving two speeches: the first, for mostly students, faculty and staff, on universal responsibility and the second, open to the general public, on global compassion. He was awarded a honorary bachelor's degree from Broward College, co-host of the event, in teacher education for his humanitarian efforts and philosophy of peace, empathy and conscientiousness.

The Dalai Lama was informed that the two Tibetan students given full scholarships at his last visit, biology major, Tashi Wangla, and business major, Tenzin Chokden, will be graduating in spring and that two Tibetan women, Tenzin Kelsang and Tenzin Seldon, were granted full scholarships to begin their college careers at NSU in the fall. After accepting the degree, he greeted the audience saying "Dear brothers and sisters, indeed I am very happy once more here. Personally, I want to thank this institution, as it takes some good Tibetans."

The Dalai Lama opened his speech urging the audience to develop a general sense of



His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet.

Photo by A. Chang-Story

concern and compassion: "Race, nationality, religious faith, profession, social background, I always consider secondary. Most important, we are the same,

human, on that level [there are] no differences." He later explained, when asked about forgiveness, that when we become fixated on an aspect or action of a person,

we become mentally biased and that meditating on this leads to conviction and compassion: "That compassion," he declared, "can reach six billion human beings."

Mike Everhart, freshman exercise science major, was inspired by the statement, and said, "Since the world is getting smaller and we're becoming more global, we have to think of things as a whole. We're all human beings in that the color of our skin or where we come from doesn't matter."

Although he was very serious about his message, the charismatic Dalai Lama drew a few laughs out of the crowd as he wrapped himself in his scarlet garb to portray the previous Tibetan generation, placed a matching sun visor on his head and when asked about his talk with President Obama, replied, "That's top secret!"

Jokes aside, the Dalai Lama expects the individual to heed his message personally. "One's own interest depends very much on other people's [interests]," he said, explaining that we should not assume that others will solve our problems. He shared an approach of his, that he imagines himself on one side and all of humanity on the other, which helps him focus on universal responsibility and consider the greater cause. He professed that it is in the best interest of a selfish person to be altruistic. If one takes care of others and is concerned with their welfare, he or she will have more people on his or her side when in a time of need.

Silvana Fasce, junior fi-

SEE DALAI LAMA 2

Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "Good vs. Evil: Human Rights vs. Human Wrongs"

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NSU was honored with the opportunity to have Nobel Peace Laureate and human rights activist Archbishop Desmond Tutu speak on Friday, Feb. 26. Also known as, "South Africa's Conscience", Archbishop Tutu captivated the audience with his jovial spirit and engaging analogies.

The Archbishop began

his speech by addressing the dichotomous topic of characterizing God as omnipotent, all-powerful, and all-loving. He discussed that most would doubt God's concern for mankind, if he only observed the continuous oppression and injustice found within the world. He refuted this argument by stating, "God has given all of us an incredible gift of choice. Yeah! That makes you and me



SEE TUTU 2

Archbishop Desmond Tutu addresses the NSU community.

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 **Thursday**
Mostly
Sunny
Hi: 64 Lo: 47

 **Friday**
Sunny
Hi: 66 Lo: 51

 **Saturday**
Partly
Cloudy
Hi: 70 Lo: 59

 **Sunday**
Mostly
Sunny
Hi: 73 Lo: 61

 **Monday**
Mostly
Sunny
Hi: 75 Lo: 65

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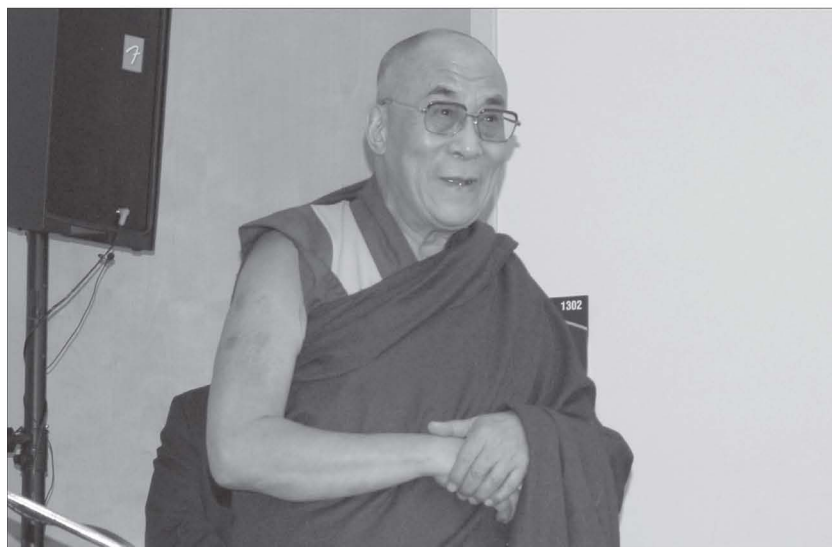


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nance major, believed it was a simple message we should each apply to our lives, "I think he's awesome, everything he said was beautiful. Use common sense, work on your inner beauty and be realistic."

Touching on the difficulties the American economy is facing, the Dalai Lama stated that too much emphasis is being placed on it rather than other values. "At such [a] period, you must remember America as the champion of liberty, freedom,

democracy [...] These values [are] still there. [As] the greatest democratic country, you have the moral responsibility [of] global responsibility," he said.

Ryan Montero, junior psychology major, thought he was funny, very in tune with the crowd and agreed with him, saying, "As Americans, we have more responsibility to promote democracy in the world."

The Dalai Lama said, in conclusion, he was touched by the global reaction to the tragedy

in Haiti and believes the world is becoming much more civilized. "Compared [to] the early part of the century, I think much has changed, people have been forced to think. I think, still, we need some effort, a global universal responsibility. Sense of global responsibility is growing. We simply need to educate," he said.

For more information on other speakers coming to NSU soon, visit www.nova.edu/cwis/pubaffairs.

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moral creatures who can choose between right and wrong, good and bad. We are able to choose to love or to hate."

As much as individuals would greatly desire God to intervene on the behalf of the hurting, the Archbishop acknowledged that such divine intervention would lead to the disruption of natural laws. Archbishop Tutu gave the analogy of a baby falling from the fourth floor story of a building. God could change gravity or the texture of the ground so that the child would safely reach the ground, but that alteration would have adverse affects worldwide, which most would not appreciate. The Archbishop preached that God observes rather than intervenes during times of distress, not because he is indifferent towards his creation, but because he is respecting the gift of choice that is given to all. Archbishop Desmond Tutu went on to say, "Whether you are tall or stumpy, like me, you are this incredible thing held tenderly, lovingly, caring in the hands of God. Your name is engraved in the palms of God's hands."



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gift [of choice] to allow a free gift to hell rather than compel us to heaven. God gives me the power to reject God". It may sound dismal; an omnipotent God watches his beloved creation suffer daily and refuses to do anything but the Archbishop reminded the audience that, "God is biased because he is always on the side of the weak, oppressed, and marginalized. Yet, God says: please help me, I look for human collaborators [to aid in the change of the moral climate of this universe]."

South Africans to vote for the first time in the land of their birth April 27, 1994 and essentially end apartheid in that country.

"On behalf of the millions of our people, we are free, thank you," rejoices Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The riveting and uplifting speech had the audience in high spirits as they left.

Freshman international student Nadia Harrylal who is an environmental studies majors stated, "Archbishop Desmond Tutu's speech impacted and gave me the ability to really change and not just think about

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