



Dalai Lama on Campus

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NEW YORK _ The 14th Dalai Lama, who is the head of state in exile of Tibet and spiritual leader of the Tibetan people, visited the University at Buffalo, a state university in New York, last week.

The primary purpose of the visit was educational and included audiences with university students and faculty as well as the awarding of a state university of New York honorary doctorate in humane letters to the Dalai Lama.

An interfaith service with representatives of local religious communities also was planned. "This is a truly great honor for the university, and a meaningful opportunity for the academic community and the larger communities it serves," said Stephen C. Dunnett, chairman of the planning committee and vice provost for international education.

In the university stadium, which was filled with thousands of people, he started off his speech with humor saying, "I have been awarded doctorate degrees so many times even though I've never studied modern science for any single day." And he emphasized the importance of having a happy life and compassion for the poor and even for one's enemy.

During the speech that lasted an hour and a half, he conveyed his insight, experience and teaching and talked about unsolved problems with the Chinese government. He said he wants to go back to Tibet and he has been corresponding with the Chinese government, but the government refuses to accept him.

Out of the stadium, Chinese students from Chinese Student Association (CSA) in the university held a demonstration peacefully saying, "We welcome the Dalai Lama, but Tibet was incorporated into China's territory more than 600 years ago." The CSA movement aroused much interest because China's attempt to expand its territory is now causing much tension in the East Asia region.

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