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"I know. I know for sure. That life is beautiful around the world." Anthony Kiedis of The Red Hot Chili Peppers belted these lyrics out, in sync with Flea's thumping bass line, in their concert immediately following the Dalai Lama's address in Portland on May 11.

Earlier, during a press conference on the third and final day of his Portland visit, the Dalai Lama had advice for the media. Pointing to enthusiastic reporters he said:

"We are all part of humanity," he said, reminding them that they are also a part of change. "Media people, in modern times, have much responsibility. Make known to the public what is reality. In order to know reality, you must investigate. I suggest pressman should have long nose like elephant ... and smell both in front ... and behind," he said with a laugh.

"The ultimate source of hate comes from too much suspicion, too much restriction, greed and anger," he said. "You must be honest, truthful and unbiased. That should be your commitment, because you are responsible."

The Dalai Lama Environmental Summit was sponsored by Maitripa College of Portland, one of the first and few Buddhist colleges in America.

"We have been waiting for more than ten years to meet the Dalai Lama," said Michael Copeland, a student at Maitripa. "This is a great honor. I am very happy."

"Have respect for all religions: Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and non-believers. Conflict with another religion is unthinkable," said the Dalai Lama.

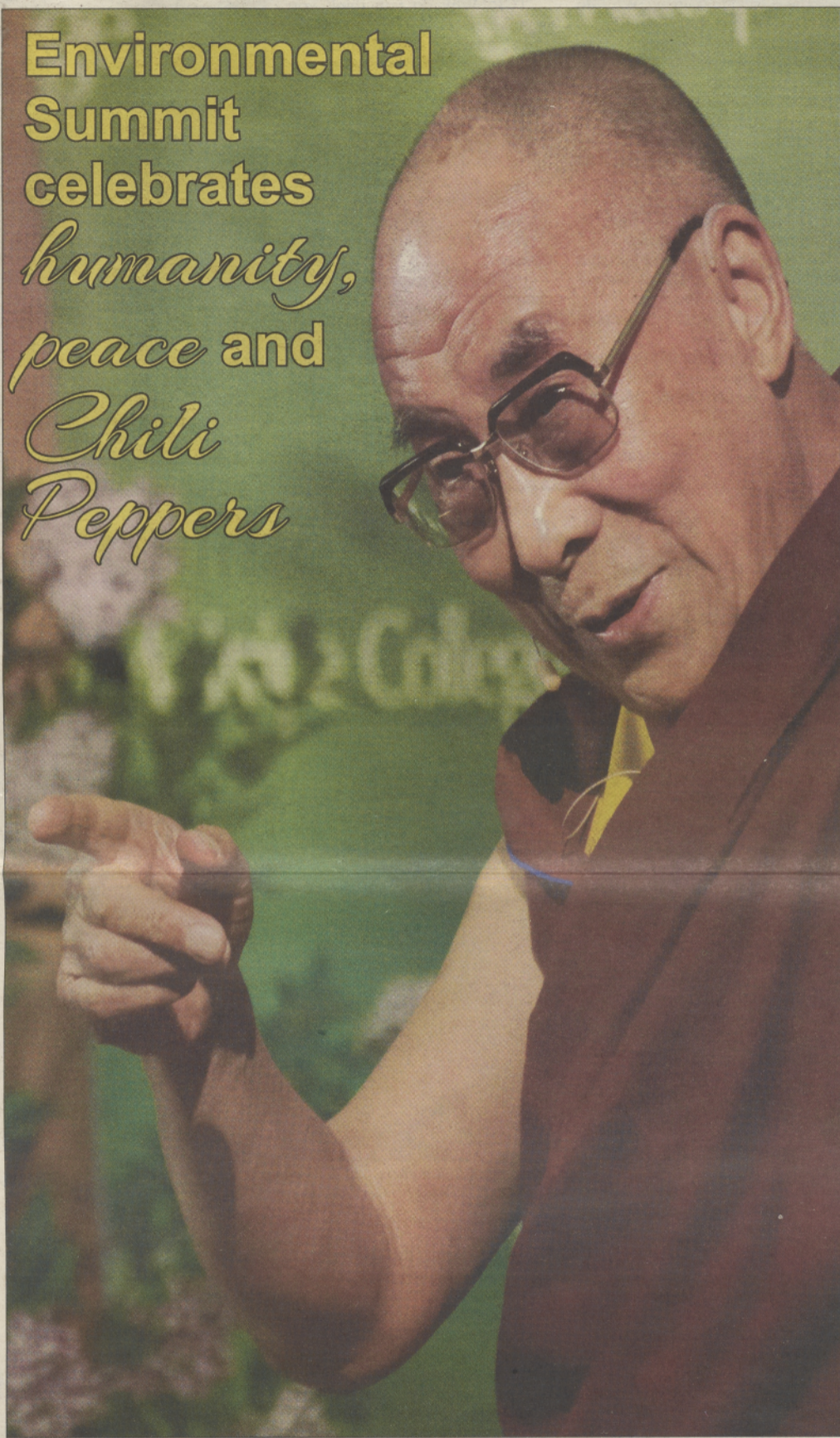
"Promote human values. You will show some negative, some sad things, but also indicate that basically we have good potential that we must utilize," he continued.

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Right: The Dalai Lama spoke of having respect for all religions in the speech he gave during his visit to Maitripa College of Portland, one of the first and few Buddhist colleges in America.

Below: The Red Hot Chili Peppers performed at The Dalai Lama Environmental Summit, after His Holiness had delivered his wise words.

Environmental Summit celebrates humanity, peace and Chili Peppers



Despite Dalai's message, college damns religion

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God is feeling the squeeze and getting less attention on campus as college administration works out current fiduciary difficulties and moves towards adopting a budget by the end of next month.

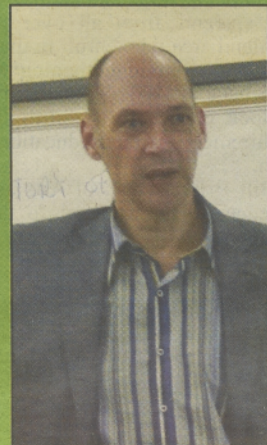
Six sections of Religious Studies have been eliminated at the college as well as the program's instructor. Brad Toebben, who is a Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatum or S.T.L., is losing his full time faculty position as he nears completion of his seventh year teaching here. The S.T.L. is a graduate degree only offered by Roman Catholic institutions and is one of several he holds. Toebben is very passionate about what he teaches. A unique and almost exclusive variety of classes will no longer be available.

"The beauty of Clackamas is that I inherited a program that was very prophetically formed around a whole religion core that's uncommon in a lot of community colleges," Toebben said. "That, I think, could be one argument depending on who you are talking to that we shouldn't have it [Religious Studies]. But we are trying to structure an academic environment that also meets with vocational learning that moves to the university level."

The Faculty Association has filed a grievance on Toebben's behalf.

"It's a difference of interpretation regarding the language in the [faculty] contract regarding reduction in force," Toebben said.

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