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THE Clocktower

Chinese teachers prepared for U.S.

Culture shock was absent for two ladies coming straight from China to Nebraska on their first visit to

by Dawn Nesmith

America. Two new Chinese exchange-teachers, Zhang Xiaoyan and Liu Shurong, arrived on the Union College campus on the eighth of January from Beijing Language Institute in China.

The Beijing Institute does very well in preventing culture shock. "The Beijing Institute is the prestigious institute for those Chinese getting ready to go abroad. In preparing a Chinese for America, they teach American customs, show films, and even teach them such things as how to shop in America. Basically, they teach them anything that would be useful to them in America," said Dr. Minon Hamm, chairman of the Humanities Division in which Zhang and Liu teach.

Zhang and Liu came to Union as participants in the teacher exchange program. The three-year old program consists of exchanging two Union teachers with two Beijing teachers to spend a year at the other's college. The teachers teach classes, take classes and get first-hand experience in another culture, says Dr. Hamm.

Zhang and Liu applied a year ago as

participants in the program. In order to qualify, they took the English Proficiency Test, which is a nationwide test that determines how well one can communicate in English.

Zhang and Liu can communicate well, for at Beijing, Zhang taught English and Liu taught translation (from Chinese to English and vice-versa) courses. "The reason we came to America was to learn more about English, American society, and to gain knowledge about America," said Liu. Liu left her husband and two children, a son age 13, and a daughter age seven in Beijing. She misses them but feels she is gaining invaluable, first-hand experience in American culture.

Not only an English-teaching school, the Beijing Institute is also the center for foreigners to learn Chinese, said Zhang. "At Beijing, we get students from all over the world, including Americans," she commented.

Zhang and Liu teach Mandarin, a Chinese dialect. They each take turns teaching alternate weeks. Also, both of them take classes "just to learn and to listen to English," Zhang said. They have noticed a difference between the Chinese classroom and the American classroom. "The students here are more active, responsive, and informal in class. In China, classes are more serious," each agreed.

Consecration underway

Plans for the Feb. 17 Consecration of Ben Wygal as Union's new president are being wrapped up, says

by Andy Demsky

Ruthita Fike, director of Institutional Advancement.

Formerly called Inauguration, Consecration will be held to a single event and at a minimum of cost. At the same time, the Consecration will be a formal, symbolic occasion to establish Dr. Wygal as an academic and spiritual leader in the Lincoln community, says Fike.

Representatives of church, community and students will take part in

the service. Ron Hart, A.S.B. President, is scheduled to express formal greetings to the new president, from the students of Union College.

Union was the first Adventist college to hold such an event for an incoming president with the Inauguration of Dr. Dean Hubbard in 1980. The ceremony was re-named Consecration to reflect the religious nature of the college and its mission, says Fike.

Mrs. Fike stressed the idea that Consecration is as much for students as it is for church and community leaders. At the time of this writing, she was arranging for worship credits be given for attending the ceremony.



Liu Shurong



Zhang Xiaoyan

Fashion show this Sun.

Union College students and faculty, along with special guest Alison Boyd, Miss Nebraska, will model the latest

by Rae Price

in clothing styles during Spring Fashion Extravaganza, a fashion show to be held Sunday evening, January 27. The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. following a dinner held exclusively for the college's seniors.

The clothes, including categories of career wear, formal and wedding attire, and casual and activewear, are being supplied by such businesses as Old Towne Limited, The Silkery, and the Post and Nickel. "Tracey Johnson of KFRX will be the master of

ceremonies and will be drawing names for gift certificates from ticket stubs at the beginning of the program," said LuAnn Wolfe, Associate in Institutional Advancement, the sponsor of the event. "Jillene Rae Moore of Cherry Hill Realty is coordinating the show and has been teaching the students modeling techniques," Wolfe said. Hair and make-up will be done by the Union Hair Depot.

A small admission fee will be charged to those attending the fashion show. Admission for seniors is free and they will each receive an invitation to the event. Those who do not receive theirs in the mail should contact the Institutional Advancement office.

Olson gives White seminar

Union College will be holding a seminar on Ellen White, one of the primary founders of the Seventh-day

by Rae Price

Adventist Church on January 24-26. The seminar will be given by Elder Robert Olson of the Ellen White Estate. Olson was at the college last year speaking on the same subject.

This year's seminar will cover the latest research of White's writings. The Seventh-day Adventist Church understands White's writings to be divinely inspired.

The first meeting will be Friday, January 24 in the College View Seventh-day Adventist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will involve questions and answers.

Opinions

Editorial

Support the common need of mankind

Have you ever attended a sport event or watched one on TV where the crowd was kind of dead through the first part of the game and then quite suddenly it comes to life? And as mysteriously, the home team that was losing by a terrifying large margin for the time remaining pulls ahead and squeaks by to win the game. Then afterwards in the locker room, the press interviews the players and the players have the same comment, "The fans made the difference. Without them, we were lost."

Professional athletes saying that

they would have lost without the noise that they heard? It hardly seems right, but it happens. And it's infectious. They hear it from the stands and they realize that those very loud people are screaming and cheering and yelling for the purpose of showing their team that they were behind them all the way.

There is no big parallel here except this: All people need support. That's it. There's no hidden meaning. Wouldn't it seem hard to go through life without someone saying, "Hey, nice shot!" or "Way to go!" or "This is

a good paper you wrote." They are just words, but they have the uncanny capability to make a person's day.

Who gives a care about pop psychology? I don't. That's why I am not going to go into a lot of ways that each one of us could tell everyone else "Hey, nice shot!" or "Way to go!", etc. It should appear to be evident. It shouldn't it be hard. Keeping in mind that encouragement should be tempered with honesty, how could it be hard to tell someone that you appreciate them or their efforts. I don't think that it detracts from your "self".

You've heard the saying "No man is an island"? This should be the primary reason for support of each other. Not that we have to go overboard and have support groups for everything in sight and then some, but for the reason that we must coexist and this is the best way. And there is no pain involved for anyone. What could be better? Think of it—two seconds to think of a compliment and four seconds to say it. Six seconds of your time to tell someone that you're cheering for them. Try it. You know it will make a difference.

T.B.

Letters

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Wendy Vaz's letter as to whether it is appropriate to clap in church. According to her, it is wrong to clap on Sabbath morning during church service. I would like to put forth that God's Sabbath does not begin at church service Sabbath morning, but at sunset Friday evening.

If, as stated, that this "program itself was rather informal," I do not feel it should have been held on Friday night in the Lord's house in the first place.

Wendy's last point, in reference to Psalms 47:1 and of the Israelites dancing and shouting praises to God, appears to me that it was done on days other than the Sabbath. For in Leviticus 19:30 (NIV), it states: "Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord." For in reverence, we can know God better and in joy and praises we can share Him with others.

Sincerely,
Judy Sloan
Student Missionary to Kenya

UNION COLLEGE WOMEN:

WHY WAKE UP AND TAKE NOTICE?
DREAMS ARE BETTER THAN REAL LIFE.

UNION COLLEGE MEN

UNION COLLEGE WOMEN:

PLEASE ADVISE ON WHAT THERE IS TO NOTICE!

UNION COLLEGE MEN

UNION COLLEGE WOMEN:

WE WOKE UP
WE TOOK NOTICE
WE TOOK MORE NOTICE
WE ARE STILL TAKING NOTICE
WHAT MORE IS THERE TO NOTICE?

UNION COLLEGE MEN

One gossipper,

Did you hear Rees Hall has been purchased by Goodyear to be converted into a hanger for blimps. Other gossipper. I understand Union is supplying the blimps.

Paul F.

Rented out any History books lately?

T. Schlegel,

Get to your room!!!

Dear Freedom or Seeda,

Keep your medical dreams alive, you will definitely make it!

D. Ru.

Lynn P.

Glad you're back!

To: L475.—R. S.

Willy sends his love, and believe me, I will keep an eye out for you, because you're important to both of us.
District of C.

Annette M.

It's close to "anti -Id" night.

Beware!

Chief A.I.

To: My. Sl. Bh.

Who is footing that big dermatologist's bill?
A snowplayer.

Ken

Hello Houston!

Paula,

Thanks for a happy 6.

Dan

TO UC WOMEN,

Q: WHAT DO THE SHOWERS IN PRESCOTT AND UC WOMEN IN COMMON?

A: FIRST THEY FREEZE YOU, THEN THEY BURN YOU.

SIGNED,
PRINCE BYTOR

Union Women?

Take note of what?

Union Men!

488-62-8106-0

Last year you asked me out, I refused. Is there a possibility of me getting a second chance??

Just Curious

P.S. Maybe we could talk about it at Steamboat Springs?!

DEAR FAMILY,

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Tom Baker: Congratulations on your engagement.
Friends

It is time the Clocktower made it's New Year's resolution. Hope it keeps it up this year.
Was Concerned.

S. W.

A teacher you will be
A little bird told me
so!

Love-ya

M.P.

Union College Women

Had there been anything to notice, would we have slumbered in the first place?

Union College Men

J. S.

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
the Rx of ours
is both splendid and true
...2 down and lots to go.

Sincerely Sincere,

R.D.

Union College Women

Shape Up
Slim down
And We Will!!

Union College Men

Thank you for fixing the Clocktower.

The Clocktower

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All unsigned editorials are the opinion of the **Clocktower** and will be written by the editors. All other opinions expressed are those of the author.

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Personals

10-Q

Find another fantasy—This ones giving me nightmares.

10-Doubler

"5595-LURKY"

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"5595-LURKY"

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Tim Saxton,

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M/S Auto,

We know you are really a front for Communism in America. We're on to you!
Your all-knowing friends

V.C. Women,

Okay, we give. You can start asking us out now. But remember, appointments are made on a first-come, first served basis.

Arden & Andy

Stephanie T.,

Wheels are turning. Side 2 track 1.

R.S.V.P.

News

Union Wins C.A.S.E. awards

Union College won six awards in the District VI competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and

by Linda Sprengel

Support of Education (CASE). Union is one of approximately 1,000 CASE members who were eligible to enter the 1984 CASE Mid-America District VI Awards Competition. Of the more than 300 entries made, fewer than 100 received awards.

Union was pitted against post-secondary institutions of all enrollment sizes in two of the three divisions it entered. In the General Division, Union was top in the category General Improvement in Programs. The college also received the Exceptional

Achievement Award for Improvement in Financial Support in the Educational Fund-Raising Division.

Competing with schools of its own size, Union took three awards in the Communications Division. In the Advertising category, the ad series, "Center of Attention," was cited for Exceptional Achievement. The alumni magazine, *The Cord*, received an Award for Excellence for Periodicals. For Visual Design/Cover design, Union's Annual Report was given a Merit Award, and the college took the Publications Sweepstakes Award.

Certificates were presented to Union College at the awards banquet during the CASE District VI Conference to be held in St. Louis, January 6-9.

Masato Lite (...Get it?)

How's life treating you here at Union?
A Curious Lunar Orbital

Ellen,

Your a sweet friend.
Thanks.
Me.

"Chief Id"

This is the Commander-in-Chief speaking. We need to stalk; too many rich id nights are passing us by!!!!

To the tall, dark and handsome guy in 717 Prescott, "I Love You and I'm really glad I'm apart of your life."

The one and only

Assau,

You're so unusual!
Original

D.P.S.

Thanks

Special Thanks to all the young men who make our jobs easier by knowing their dates' room number.

Rees desk workers

Ellen,

Thanks for brightening up so many of my days. Your beautiful smile does wonders not only for me, but the others that pass you by each day.

A.G.

To All the B. Sugars,

Let's all do it again sometime—Play in the snow...that is. How about Monday? Oh, and don't forget your mittens.

SIS

To the Editor:

Bro. is very interesting!

To: SC (Not District of Columbia)

We can both play in the snow together.
Maybe it will be fun!

J.R. (Not of Dallas)

Thanks to those who helped me and were concerned for me when I was sick. The first week of classes. Also thanks for your prayers - I'm feeling a lot better —

Again Thanks

B.J.

Salih,

You make my nights short and my dreams come true! Love you lots!
Saturday night admirer at the Lincoln Journal.

Netta C.

The freaks come out at night; so don't stay up to late.
Your concerned friend...Baldy

Mae Mae,

It's snowing on the inside of Rees chick.
Your friend,
D. Ru.

Thought for the week

Every lump of brown sugar needs a little snow in it's life...Get it guys?

To BRENT C. (Culver)

Somebody's watching you.
The Somebody

Brown Sugars,

I am glad you guys decided to play in the snow with me. See me if need any tips on avoidance of frostbite, or if you have lost your mittens. There are plenty of snow flakes to go around.

The Original U.C.

Cindy Sue—

Please grant me your lovely company on an adventure to Korea. Let's pray about it.
The Lord will guide!

Je t'aime

Stephanos

Dear Baby Prince,

Come see us sometime!
Appollonia + her friend

To Those "neat" girls in #367,

You're not as keen as you think you are.
Someone who Knows Better

To: Netta C.

Please take care of Baldy for me, he is too much for anyone but you!
His Mom.

To Anyone:

How do you get the last 2 points on Zork?
A Crazy Zorkian

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The NATURAL

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'The Natural' screened

The path of destiny. A mythological hero. A fight of time and the past. This Saturday, the ASB

by Sean McCulley

will present Tri-Star Pictures "The Natural", a story of a baseball player and a dream.

Robert Redford stars as Roy Hobbs, a Midwestern farm boy bound for glory as a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. On the way, his diversion of a young lady costs him his career. Determined to return to his first

dream, Hobbs reappears 16 years later from the dugout of a last place team and becomes "the best they'd ever seen."

Also starring Academy Award-winner Robert Duvall, "The Natural" carries with it a brand of American mythology; appearing to be beaten, the hero pulls back, regroup, plans a new strategy, then attacks, bouncing back to a glorious end. But baseball? Only in America.

Show time: Saturday, January 26, is 8 p.m. in the gym. Admission is 50 cents at the door.

News

Chinese Garden is first in Lincoln

The campus of Union college is the site of the first China garden in Lincoln. The garden was designed by

by Rae Price

Mrs. Francis Ya-sing Tsu, a Lincoln architect.

Mrs. Tsu came to Lincoln in 1982 as a visiting professor of architecture to the University of Nebraska. She had been a professor at Tonh-Ji University in Shanghai. Currently Mrs. Tsu is working on a book about Oriental gardening based on her lectures.

When Union College learned that

she was writing a book, she was consulted about the possibility of designing such a garden on the college's campus. The college, whose student population is 10 percent Oriental, wanted to do something to make the Oriental students feel more at home while at the same time letting the American students see a bit of the Oriental culture. Mrs. Tsu commented, "I didn't want to just build the garden, I wanted to introduce the China garden to the U.S., along with some cross influence of art from another country to enrich the culture."

The garden, which is located at the south entrance of the campus, is dominated by a Scotch pine tree, which is known as a welcoming pine in China. The tree gets its title from growing on hillsides with branches that reach outwards from each side, "Like an extended hand welcoming," said Mrs. Tsu. Other distinct characteristics of China gardens are hills, rocks and water. However, because of the limited space and harsh weather in Lincoln, the garden has a dry pond. It also has several large

rocks placed around the outside edges. Mrs. Tsu said this was not so common in China. She went on to explain that in China the rocks are sculptured and molded together, but again because of the harsh weather, something a little different had to be done.

Mrs. Tsu is grateful to Dr. Fred Harder of Union College who was, "interested and very enthusiastic about the project. Without his help, it wouldn't have been as successful."

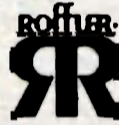
Things to do instead of freezing outside

- Write letters.
- Call your congressman.
- Have 30 Canadian Bacon Pizzas delivered to Wisbey.
- Play Trivial Pursuit.
- Study.
- Inject your plants with blue dye.
- Re-arrange the lobby furniture.
- Sing over the inter-com.
- Trade roommates.
- Comb your hair forward with vegetable oil.
- Carve your initials in your roommate's A & P book.
- Memorize the theme song from "Gilligan's Island".
- Watch the radio.
- Listen to you shower mold.
- Read the school bulletin cover to cover.
- Burn the midnight oil.
- Call the security pager.
- Decorate your door with cafeteria food.
- Sleep.

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Sports

The Locker Room:

Court cussing canned

I would like to take time out to welcome two new writers to the sports department. Appearing on this page is

by **Annette McRoy**

a story by Devin Scott. Devin will be covering Thursday night basketball action each week. Steve McFee has been given the thrilling job of covering Wednesday nights which features the aciton packed game plans of the women of U.C. Welcome aboard guys!! We still have a position open for a sportswriter for Tuesday nights. No experiance necessary. See Andy or me for details.

A new rule: If a player directs any verbal abuse toward a player or ref, it will result in a technical.

This should help cut down on unsportsman-like conduct on the court. It really doesn't matter who wins or loses, but how you play the game. Sometimes teams let the importance of the numbers in the win column become more important then why they are playing. Intramurals give the players, both skilled and unskilled, a chance to enjoy a competitive game in a relaxed atmosphere. When the pressure to produce wins everytime you walk out on the court gets to the point to where you're not haveing fun, it's time to reevaluate the reasons for playing. Last year I played

on a team that was 0-7, but we had fun playing. Even though it would have been nice to win some of the close games.

Speaking of sportsmanship, let's give the refs a break during the next couple of weeks. Most of this year's crew are members of a officiating class. Consequently, they don't know it all yet. They are bound to make mistakes in the beginning, so be patient when they call three seconds in the lane on the defense. Nobody is perfect.

BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS. In Sunday morning action, it was Price vs. Daarud in women's action. At halftime, it was tied up at 6 apiece. Daarud stayed close throughout the second half on scoring by Joyce Williams. Terri Schlegel sank two free throws to put Price on top to stay for a 14-10 victory. Schlegel had 6 points while working the boards to lead all players in rebounds. Sherry Konrad also had 6 points to pace Price. Wiliams had 8 points, for Daarud.

Monday night in A league action, English sneaked by Fowler 27-26 on nice clutch shooting by Jeff Pursley with eight seconds left. On the inbound play, the pass was intercepted and Rand Strobel found the basket with 5 seconds left to give English the victory.



TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
MATTHEWS	2	0	0	1.000	85	33
ANDERSON	2	0	0	1.000	59	52
FACULTY	2	1	0	.667	122	61
ENGLISH	2	1	0	.667	95	87
MEYERS	1	1	0	.500	58	56
FOWLER	1	2	0	.333	86	82
WINTERS	0	1	0	.000	28	41
GRIMSHAW	0	1	0	.000	14	31
CAPPS	0	3	0	.000	57	160



Not a pretty sight

The second game for both the "AA" teams Johnston and Hassell turned out to be a farce. Through the first 4 1/2

by **Steve McFee & Devin Scott**

minutes, it looked to be all Johnston scoring eight unanswered points, six of which belonged to the "Big M" (Mark Murray). Then Hassell called a time out, regrouped, and went wild. They scored 16 straight points utilizing the fast break plus excellent shooting from the line. During Hassell's comeback, Johnston had opportunities at the charity strip, but the shooters concentration was destroyed by Tink Kittrell's high frequency shrieks.

with Hassell in the lead. The second half was more of the same with Johnston's team becoming quite reckless. Terry took a good share of the abuse, some coming in the form of a "tackle" by Steve Volkamer. Hassell was high scorer with a total of 24 points, four more than the entire Johnston's team. The high scorer for Johnston's team was Mark Murray with 8 points. The final outcome turned out to be Hassell 44, Johnston 20.

The other "AA" game featured Vogel vs. Lang with the score 36-29, respectively. High score for Vogel was Dave Botimer with 16 points while Steve Vogel added 10 of his own. Steve Jose pumped in 16 points to lead in scoring.



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Features

Love in Confinement

The tragic tale of two students at No-Fium Academy

Last time: Ted and Lula were put on social after being caught in the "repugnant act of holding hands" (those had

by Andy Demsky

been the dean's words). Under the weight of his new criminal status, Ted fainted dead away. Meanwhile . . . Lula cooked up a plan to get around the restrictions of the "social" verdict. She wanted to "commandeer" the school stationwagon and go on to McDonald's for a real date.

"So do you want to go or what?" Lula asked insistently.

"Well sure I'd like to go but. . ."

"But what? Let me guess. You don't want to displease the dean, right? Perhaps she would no longer bless you with her radiant smile and magnetic personality. Is that it? Huh?"

Ted sighed. "Look," he said, "I just don't want to get in trouble."

"We'll only get in trouble if we get caught!" she said.

"Right! I don't want to get into trouble." As he spoke Ted could sense a certain growing displeasure on the other end of the line.

"Can you sense my displeasure Ted?"

"Yes, I can," he replied.

"Can I make a personal observaiton Ted ol' boy?"

"Yeah, sure," he answered.

"You are programmed for failure. Already today you have lobbed a bowl of soup half way across the cafeteria, merely reinforcing what people think of you. You come bumbling up to my table—your soup is draining onto my lap—and you say, 'Will you date me?' Then, you follow me outside and ask me again and then faint when the dean catches you nervously clutching my hands. Ted, I've watched you. You do this kind of thing on a real steady basis. You're a dead loss. You're a loser. You're parents probably console themselves with the fact that you're at least a tax write off!" She waited for a reply.

Ted thought for a moment, reviewing in his mind what she had just said.

"So what are you trying to tell me?" He asked finally.

"Ted, I'm saying this. You're a man without purpose adrift in a world without love. I think you have potential Ted."

"Thanks," He didn't know what a person ought to say in a situation like this.

"Ted, join me in my fight against the global spread of communism. It's a cancer that has to be cut out."

"Lula," Ted interrupted, "I don't want to fight communism."

"I'm going to pretend I didn't hear you say that. I'll bet you never read *Communism: the Cold Sore On the*

Lips of Society did you?" she asked abrasively.

"I've never even heard of it," Ted said, somewhat confused.

"I guess you can't reasonably be held accountable for that. It was a book written by Joseph McCarthy six months before he died, rest his soul, the dear man. It wasn't a big seller. No publisher would take it. There are only two hand written copies in existence. I was lucky enough to read it at a John Birch Society Seminar. Poor Joseph. He died a penniless, broken man" her voice broke with emotion.

"He did?" he asked, again unsure what he ought to reply.

"Well, I don't really know, but being penniless and broken is such a heroic way to go. It fits his style," her voice broke with emotion.

"I see," replied Ted, not really sure what she was talking about.

An uneasy silence filled the phone line for a moment.

"Well," she finally said, "do you want to go to town or not? You really have nothing to loose even if we do get caught. You're parents would still have their tax write off. I doubt they'd be really mad," she reasoned.

"That's true. I'll see you outside in a few minutes. Is that alright?" He asked.

"Yes, I'll meet you at fifteen hundred hours sharp," she replied crisply.

"Huh?" He was now genuinely bewildered.

"Be careful Ted. Don't make any abrupt moves. Approach the targeted vehicle with cat-like stealth. Bye." She hung up before he could get an explanation of what she was talking about.

He walked unsteadily back to his room, slipped on a jacket and headed out to the maintenance shed. The "targeted vehicle" generally was parked behind the shed.

He rounded a corner of the sheet metal building. Ted jumped back with fright. There was Uncle Delbert, the academy maintenance man, covered in motor oil waving a broken crow bar. He had a wild, animal look in his eye. But worse, Uncle Delbert was chasing Lula and yelling curses in a foreign language. Pig latin, Ted later decided. What had gone wrong?

Lula tore around the corner screaming, "Mission aborted! Escape while you can! Mission aborted! This is not a drill!"

Next came Uncle Delbert, his bulky work books throwing large turfs of grass with each lunging stride, and waving an ominous, broken crow bar over his semi-bald head.

Did Uncle Delbert finally snap? Did Lula provoke this insanity? Will Ted ever figure out what's going on? Read the *Clocktower* for the answers to these questions when "Love in Confinement" continues.



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