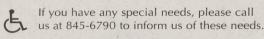
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# First lady celebrates 50th birthd

### Clinton returns home to Illinois to revisit past, reminisce with file.

PARK RIDGE, ILL. (AP) — Hillary Diane Rodham, the girl voted most likely to succeed by her high-school classmates, was welcomed home yesterday as a hero returning to reexamine the roots that took her from Girl Scouts and Goldwater to Wellesley and the White House.

Cheerleaders, marching bands and a children's choir turned out at O'Hare Airport to welcome Clinton to a daylong birthday fest the city of Chicago formally proclaimed "Hillary Rodham Clinton Day."

"I could not ask for a better way to turn 50," Clinton said. She called it "the best present I could ever ask for.'

Clinton turned 50 Sunday and celebrated her landmark birthday at a tent party on the White House South Lawn with family, including daughter Chelsea, who flew home from college in California, and about 500 friends from all stages of

Today, the first lady and some of her friends flew to Chicago to extend the festivities with a two-day trip into her past.

This is one birthday observance

going way beyond the usual cake Winfrey's show. and candles.

Clinton's hometown of Park Ridge was putting up a marker at her childhood home. The city of



Clinton

joining her on a bus ride to reminisce at sites in what she remembers as the "Ozzie and Harriet" suburb of her youth.

President Clinton was flying in for an evening bash at the Chicago Cultural Center, and the first lady was appearing Tuesday on Oprah

The guest list for the day's activities included Clinton's best friend from high school, the boy who walked with her to Eugene Field Elementary School and the Methodist youth minister credited with helping to awaken her social

conscience. "When people wonder who Hillary Clinton is, they need to look back at her early life," Carl Anthony, a historian accompanying the first lady, said. "She is a product of a nurturing 1950s idyll, and yet at the same time she's also a product of the city of Chicago and its turmoil and its social change of the late and mid-1960s."

A Goldwater Republican in high school, Clinton became a Democrat during her undergraduate years at Wellesley College and saw the turmoil of the Democratic National Convention firsthand when she came home during the summer of 1968.

Today's stops included the twostory Georgian house at the corner of Elm and Wisner where Clinton grew up and the First United Methodist Church, where youth minister Don Jones encouraged a

economically, politically, and strategically," and a sec-

ond anti-communist feeling enhanced when China

abandons liberalization in favor of order and harsh po-

Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., and daughter

and granddaughter of American missionaries in Chi-

na, says more than the conflict between Eastern and

Western values — and more than the inevitable fric-

tions between a capitalist democracy and a commu-

nist autocracy - explains the tensions between the

She sees a time warp at work, "a conflict between 19th- and 20th-century values." While America now

follow the dictates of internationalism, the global

economy and the information age, she said China is

catching up with the values of the 19th century - na-

tionalism, sovereignty (and thus the friction over

Tawainese recognition) and the basic need to feed so

interest groups play a role in shaping U.S. policy to-

be heeded when they rail against the building of Three

Gorges Dam in China, destined to be the world's

biggest, but also to displace 1.3 million people. These

critics say it will obliterate endangered species and in-

undate ancient sites. They were not around when

America built its own great dams, with untold envi-

Shambaugh said the China criticisms of American

Thus, environmentalists and archaeologists must

China scholar Mary Brown Bullock, president of

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dren of migrant workers She also planned and it to Orchestra Hall in Chicago, where Jones to old Hillary to hear Martin fr. give a speech title will jump s

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This job is a part of his said. "He has a passion for does, and students know about them.'

Medina said although partment has gone thro times, such as the Hopu sion, Carreathers always the department and itsp "He is by far the best

ever had," she said. "He w tor when I was a studer I've known him as a stude prow as a colleague."

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a global market today Texas A&M needs to ways to infuse diversity ing programs and service He said he sees A&M

technically advanced the future.

"In the future, I see Tex an institution that meet of nontraditional stud said. "Hopefully, we will courses for these types especially with techno distance learning."

## History of mixed emotions casts shadow over relations with China

two countries.

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has a populationcontrol policy many Americans see as brutal.

The Chinese use prisoners to make toys and clothing that wind up on the shelves of discount houses in this country, American labor leaders say.

China is building the biggest dam in the world, and the environmental cost grates some Americans.

Against the background of those feelings comes Jiang Zemin on a weeklong goodwill tour of the United States. There will be a White House meeting Wednesday with President Clinton for diplomacy and dinner. About the most Jiang can expect — and it is no small

ambition, say China experts — is a restoration of the wellspring of good feeling that once existed between these two countries.

It is not just the lingering image of Tiananmen Square and the picture of a single Chinese student in a white shirt, arms at his side, staring down a Chinese Army tank

"The Chinese admire what the United States stands for and does, but they feel that their time is coming, that they are beginning to assume their rightful place in the world and that the United States is holding them back."

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that captures America's image of modern China.

But Tiananmen symbolizes the ambiguity of American feeling about China, David Shambaugh, an Asian expert at George Washington University and a former State

sault on democracy," he said.

Americans hold twin impulses toward China, he says — the "missionary impulse to transform China,

**NICHOLAS PLATT** 

Department and National Security Council aide, says. 'It was not just an assault on students, but an as-

ronmental consequences, decades ago. Labor leaders command attention when they denounce China's use of prison labor to take jobs they say should go to American workers and when they charge China uses trade barriers to keep out American products. Arms control advocates are exercised over reports

of Chinese nuclear sales abroad and the transfer of Chinese missiles to Pakistan and Iran. The Pentagon becomes suspicious of China's ambitious military modernization program.

Looming potentially as large as a vexation is China's persecution of Christians, who number in the millions.

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Pauline Derby, an RHA delegate for Krueger Hall and a sophomore computer science major, said students need to have a different attitude about the issue.

'I personally have never had a

problem with the people smoking there," Derby said. "I think that there needs to be a change in attitude about the issue. The front naturally tends to be a place for smokers to congregate.

Turnbough said that the Department of Residence Life may consider adding picnic benches around the Commons entrance to provide an outside meeting place for students.

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