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when I was a freshman – we had all walking tours,” she said. “But it’s so hard to get all around campus and show them all the wonderful things USD has to offer if we walk. It just takes so long. So, we like having those to get around faster.

“They’re kind of an envied vehicle around campus,” she said.

Tours generally take about an hour, and most often consist of no more than four families at a time.

“That’s probably about the max of what we do, because that’s all we can fit on the cart,” Carlson said. “We do single tours, too. It just depends on who has signed up for the tours that day. Fridays are normally a lot busier, because it’s easier for students to come.”

She added that if students are interested in being tour guides, they can just apply to become Student Ambassadors.

“The organization is made up of students who have a really good love for USD and want to show its history to the students who are coming in,” she said. “All age levels (can be ambassadors), all different types of majors, men, women and anyone in between.”

A native of Groton, SD, Carlson is a health sciences and psychology major, and is looking to go into a physicians assistant program, preferably at USD.

be one of my big goals this year, she said. “That’s why I’m trying to reach out to as many people as possible.”

Communication is a key component of all of the goals she has in mind during her term as SGA president.

“I want to improve communication between students and administrators. I want to give students more of an opportunity to make their voices heard at a liberal arts college,” Alissa said. “There are a lot of students’ opinions on a lot of different things, and I believe there are times – and it’s nobody’s fault – I just think sometimes students don’t have as much opportunity to make their opinions known and to really feel that they can make a difference.”

Alissa is contemplating the scheduling of “town hall” types of meetings where students can feel free to express their ideas.

“Something like that would give students the opportunity to speak up, and perhaps there could be different debates on campus,” she said.

With the general election looming in November, Alissa believes it is important that the Student Government Association play an active role.

“It is so important that we help the students and the community with ‘get out the vote’ efforts and other projects that revolve around the election,” she said. “That goes back to your political empathy, and your involvement with that, and I think that’s something that everybody both on campus and within the community needs to appreciate and participate in.”

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