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coming and going from a fraternity party.

"We would like to use education rather than enforcement to help with the problem on campus," said Adams.

According to the zero-tolerance policy, even if a student is not driving, if they draw attention to themselves at the shuttle stop, they will be held accountable for their behavior.

Fraternities have to comply with several regulations in order to have the shuttle available, and one of those regulations disallows alcohol or anyone under the influence of alcohol to get on the bus, according to Adams.

"We are there to help the fraternity, and we do not step in unless someone calls attention to himself or herself," said Adams. "That is usually how it happens. There was a problem with behavior at the shuttle stop."

There have been several incidences of alcohol poisoning in recent years, according to Williams.

"We have half a dozen to a dozen serious alcohol related incidents where a person has been drinking to the point of unconsciousness or where we have health concerns," said Williams.

"Our staff is trained in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, but they notify security to make a decision about the symptoms and what to do. We do not just rush to call 911, but when in doubt, we always call for help," said Williams.

The zero-tolerance policy has an inaccurate connotation, and the policy will not satisfy everyone, according to Williams.

"In my opinion, zero tolerance suggests an aggression that we just do not use here," said Williams. "I think we are quite tolerant."

"Regardless of campus policy, there will always be people who think we should be tougher, and there are those who think we are ridiculously tight," said Williams.

"People pay to come to school, they are adults and they should be able to drink whatever they want to, whenever they think they are able to handle it," said Peter Gray, a senior music major. "I think it is a ridiculous law."

"People are going to party, (and) I think they should relax a little bit," said John Averette, a junior history major. "I think it is a ridiculous policy."

Organized discussions within the division to focus on how alcohol and illegal drug situations should be handled has helped, according to Williams.

"We do not bother students in their rooms unless they draw attention to themselves," said Williams.

"We have great resources available on campus to try to redirect unruly behavior. Sometimes students just make a mistake."

"There are not that many students on campus that have a serious problem, but we exhaust all our resources to try to help those people," said Williams.

As long as students do not bring attention to themselves, then they will not be hassled by public safety, according to Iovacchini.

"If you are loud, or falling down, or getting sick in public, we will notice," said Iovacchini. "Do not behave in a way that brings attention to yourself."

"I do know people are going to experiment," said Iovacchini.

"Not only academic experimentation, but behavioral experimentation is part of what college is about."

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brought home from the trip.

"I went for a haircut and the barber noticed a hole in my shirt and said 'brother, it is not good that you have a hole in your shirt,'" said Hackett. "The barber took me to his brother, the tailor, across the street who repaired my shirt on the spot. He would not take pay and was offended that a brother would offer."

Hackett commented that his "shoes made by a phenomenal shoemaker and his tailored clothes also made by a phenomenal tailor" were the best things he brought back.

Schenck said that the visit to the slave castle left her stunned.

"While standing in the Portuguese slave courtyard of an ancient slave-holding compound, I imagined how it was for the slave women who were forced to go to the master's quarters for the night and I was just blank the whole time," said Schenck.

Scratch marks are still visible in

the cement walls and floors of the Portuguese slave-holding areas, according to Hackett.

"I cried when they shut me in the cell with no light or ventilation and closed the door for only a second," said Hackett.

Hackett plans to return this summer and stay with his Ghanaian family under the auspices of the Ghanaian Summer Studies Program. If this is not possible, he intends to return on his own.

Jenkins-Mullen said that she handled the UNCA student's coordination as the interim diversity director this year. However, the committee will be institutionalized for the next trip and people wanting to go will have more time to plan.

"Flyers will be published in the next few weeks for anyone who might be interested in joining the trip to Ghana in the summer of 2001," said Jenkins-Mullen. Also, there are presentations on campus by the returning students who welcome all inquiries.

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and students wrote replacement checks for their tuition and other fee payments, according to Foley.

Foley said that the business office was very efficient. He said that because of the good internal procedures that they have in the cashier office, they were able to determine the funds were missing, according to a Feb. 3, 2000 *Blue Banner* article.

The number of workers in the business office is usually higher during the time of student registration. Foley estimated in the article that there were five to 10 UNCA employees working those days, other than cashiers.

"Ordinarily, there are two cashiers working," said Foley. "However, (since) registration is such a busy time for the cashiers office, more employees fill in."

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Community Development Corporation to put the plan into action.

"Mt. Zion (has recognized) that small businesses, elderly people and people who want jobs are all challenged by how to navigate in a digital environment," said Pitts. "We may be able to bring technology instruction into that neighborhood."

"Mt. Zion wants a grant to help that community," said Pitts. "We wrote a letter of support for their grant. We do not know whether or not they will get the grant."

"What we are saying is that we have a talent and interest," said Pitts. "We would like to contribute, (and) we are interested in more than a casual way."

According to Pitts, UNCA may soon be involved in an ozone alert system and a sustainable agriculture program, which promotes the small business farmers.

NEWS from the OUTSIDE WORLD

Clinton urges wage increase

President Bill Clinton urged Republican leaders in Congress to make raising the minimum wage its first business when Congress resumes after the summer recess. Clinton, who first called for the minimum wage to be raised in his State of the Union address in January 1999, said the Republicans had tried to weaken it by spreading the increase over three years instead of two. Clinton is asking for a one-dollar increase to \$6.15 an hour.

Russia and Japan meet for talks

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Japan for talks related to attempts to settle a long running conflict over four islands controlled by Russia. Putin said he is optimistic about improving relations between the former Cold War enemies during his meetings with Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori. The three rounds of talks will focus on economic cooperation and the territorial dispute over the Southern Kuril Islands; the resolution of which Japan has said is a condition for signing a peace treaty.

Texas wildfires accumulate to 19

Fire officials in the Midwest have switched their focus to Texas, where 19 large wildfires were burning on Sept. 3. Officials say temperatures in Texas are expected to stay in the 100s. Snow and rain fell on some western fires on Sept. 1 to Sept. 3, providing a much-needed break. In fact, firefighters bundled up Sept. 3 before they went onto fire lines in Hamilton, Mont.

Talks may stop union strike

Talks between Bridgestone/Firestone and union negotiators lasted until early Sept. 3 as both sides tried to prevent a strike by more than 8,400 workers. Both sides have been meeting continuously since Sept. 1 when the union indefinitely postponed a strike deadline. A company spokeswoman said late Sept. 2 that the recent talks have been very positive. Union and company officials declined to say what remained to be worked out in the contract talks.

Bush challenges Gore to debates

Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush challenged his Democratic rival Al Gore on Sept. 3 to three debates and challenged the vice president to begin them next week. Bush said all the debates will be seen in prime time, be available on all networks and news outlets and would also be carried live on the Internet.

Sri Lanka fighting leaves 25 dead

Fighting erupted on Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna peninsula on Sept. 3, leaving at least 25 soldiers dead in an attempt to recapture territory lost to Tamil Tiger rebels earlier this year. Military officials said more than 200 other soldiers were wounded in the operation, which was launched a day before nominations for parliamentary elections close on Sept. 4.

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