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Alcohol policy curbs drinking

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UNCA began a new alcohol policy this fall that strictly monitors the legal drinking age of students using alcohol.

Due to the increase of the state legal drinking age from 19 to 21 on Sept. 1, UNCA's Alcohol Policy Task Force designed the policy last spring to adhere to the new law.

The policy went into effect Aug. 21. The administration implemented the new policy before Sept. 1 so that it would cause the least amount of disruption among returning students.

According to the Student

Guide, only students of legal drinking age can have alcohol in the residence hall rooms without permission. Students 21 or over may also drink at campus events where the sponsors have obtained the proper alcohol permits.

Sharyn McDonald, Highsmith Center director, said that in the past "people were basically everywhere with it (alcohol)."

According to McDonald, if a student is caught with alcohol outside residence hall rooms without permission, the student will receive a warning. If caught a second time, they will be reprimanded and tried in student court.

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The new alcohol policy went into effect at UNCA on Aug. 21. Students will no longer be able to drink beer or liquor outside their dorm rooms. The new policy doesn't seem to bother Derek Wilson, who is sitting on the steps leading to the soccer field from the village.

(Staff photo-Jonna McGrath)

Campus construction disrupts parking

By Robin Sexton
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Parking complaints are nothing new at UNCA, but some major changes taking place this fall are presenting new challenges for students, faculty and the campus police.

The biggest surprise to returning students is the one-way traffic pattern made necessary by construction of the new Rhoades Science Building, according to many students.

Cars are now routed down the access road by the High-

rise, onto Weaver Boulevard, and back to the main entrance to complete the circle of campus.

According to Campus Police Chief Charles Carreno, "The one-way system is bothersome to us since it adds to our response time." Carreno said he can't justify using lights and siren to go against traffic except in a serious emergency.

"The hill (beside the Owen Hall) is real dangerous now," said commuter student John

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THE UNCA SOCCER TEAM BEGAN DIVISION I play last week at home against Berry College. Watching the Bulldogs (from

(Staff photo-Jonna McGrath) left to right) Anita Dean, Alana Ledford, April Stocker, Jeanie Setzer and Lisa Wells.